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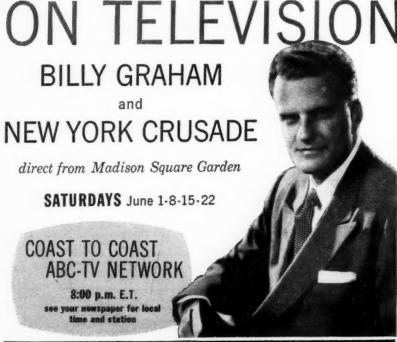
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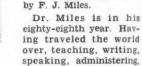
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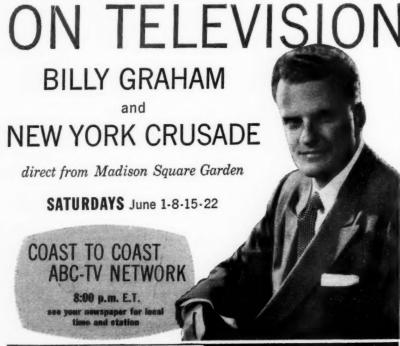
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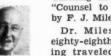
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### ANSWER PANEL

Q. When did it first rain? Have we any scriptural proof that it rained before the deluge? Was the rainbow in existence before the flood, as one writer claims?

—G.D.L., Illinois

A. The Bible does not specifically state when it first rained. We are told that up to the period referred to in Genesis 2:5, 6 (before the creation of man) there was no rain, but the ground was watered by a "mist from the earth." This is no positive indication that between this time and the flood there were no rains.

By the same reasoning, we have no way of knowing when the first rainbow appeared. Some assume that God's promise to "set my bow in the cloud" (Gen. 9:13) is an indication of the first appearance of the rainbow. But others understand this to signify that the rainbow would be a perpetual sign from God from that day forward.—J. Arthur Springer

Q. Did Caiaphas realize what he was saying when he spoke the words of John 11:49-53, "Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not"?—B.G., Arizona

A. Since verses 51, 52 of this chapter are John's own comment it would seem evident that Caiaphas did not realize the deeper meaning of his words. However, God used him on this occasion to prophesy. Christ did die for the whole nation of Israel, and for all people everywhere.

The passage as a whole records a council meeting and the reasoning of its leaders that if they did not do something drastic the people would accept Jesus as the Messiah, rally around Him, and so cause the Romans to pounce down and destroy the whole nation. Whether the leaders really believed this reasoning is hard to say. (Such a calamity did fall on them 35 or 40 years later when Jerusalem was destroyed.)

Caiaphas then spoke up to state that Jesus must die whether guilty or not, since, he said, it was better for one innocent man to die than for a nation to be destroyed. Many crimes have been justified on just such a basis of expediency.—
G. Coleman Luck

Q. In the very familiar passage of Scripture found in John 3:16, which is the better rendering of the Greek, "his only Son," as translated in some of the modern language versions, or "his only begotten Son," as translated in the Authorized Version?—A.M.C., Africa

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A. In my judgment the most adequate translation is "his uniquely begotten Son." This is required by the meaning of the Greek word monogenēs. The distinction is an important one since believers are also said to be sons of God, though in a different sense, Vincent in his Word Studies in Greek New Testament declares that monogenēs distinguishes between Christ as the only Son of God and the many children of God in that the only Son did not become such by receiving power, but was such in the beginning with God."

Even where monogenes is used in other connections—such as the widow's son in Luke 7:12 and the demon-possessed child in Luke 9:38—the idea of uniqueness is present. In the first instance the one who was healed was the only son of his mother. In the second instance the boy was the only child of his father.

Other recognized Greek authorities— Thayer, Moulton and Milligan, Cremer and Marcus Dods—all bring out the same idea of uniqueness. There is a sense, of course, in which the English world "only" can mean "unique," but the meaning in this passage is made unmistakably clear when the translation is "his uniquely begotten Son."—Kenneth S. Wuest.

Q. It runs in my mind that many years ago a pastor said that the true translation of "in the twinkling . . ." (I Cor. 15:52) should be "in the half-twinkling . . ." Does the original Greek say or imply this?—R.C.O., Indiana

A. No. The Greek word used here means "a throw, stroke, beat" (Thayer). As used here it denotes one complete motion, the time it takes for the eyelid to wink. In other words, it is simply a moment, an instant of time.—Kenneth S. Wuest

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# NEWS REPORT worldwide news

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At this writing, the opening date of the Graham New York Crusade on May 15 is still a fortnight away. But several facts available now will throw light on the crusade as it progresses.

Interest continues intense. For weeks and even months a large portion of the seats in Madison Square Garden have been reserved for out of town groups. Daily delegations are scheduled to arrive by bus, plane and train from all over the Eastern Seaboard. Special parties have been made up in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Michigan, Kentucky and Canada. New Yorkers, it appears, are going to have to scramble for less than half of the Garden's seats each night during the crusade.

The team faces a problem in meeting the high costs of the crusade—the most expensive ever conducted by the evangelist and his associates—a matter of some \$900,000. A breakdown of expenses include: Garden and other rentals, \$360,000; advertising and publicity, \$255,000; office operation, \$105,000; counseling and follow-up expenses, \$40,000; housing and travel, \$35,000 and allowance for contingencies, \$100,000.

Graham's salary and that of his team will be borne by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis. Two-thirds of the crusade income is expected to come from contributions by individuals, foundations, organizations and "partnerships and corporations." It is hoped that more than \$250,000 will be raised in free-will offerings taken at the Garden sessions.

As Graham prepared for the opening night he seemed to be meeting a terrific personal testing. He won this reporter's sympathy when in utter sincerity he confided: "My wife and I have lost our privacy, and I don't think anyone who has ever lost his privacy doesn't long to have it back. You don't realize what a priceless possession it is to be a private individual." I am convinced that Billy is the loneliest man in New York City.

About results, Graham refuses to speculate. But although he has declared that he is entering into the New York campaign with fear and trembling, he is full of confidence that God is going to do a mighty work in the city.

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#### U.S. Church Building Declines, Still Sets Record

The value of new U.S. church construction started in March amounted to \$63,000,000 which was two million dollars below the February total. However, its was still a new record for the month of March, exceeding last year's figure by 19 per cent. The Departments of Commerce and Labor at Washington, D.C. reported that church building during the first three months of this year amounted to \$155,000,000. This compared with \$168,000,000 in the first quarter of 1956.

#### Evangelicals Oppose Federal Aid to Education

The National Association of Evangelicals took a strong stand against federal aid to education at its 15th annual convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

"Our public schools are becoming increasingly secularized and, in our judgment, federal aid would facilitate this tendency," the resolution stated. "Federal aid is a departure from our traditional American position of individual responsibility and growth, and tends toward socialism, the first step toward totalitarianism. Federal aid to education would open the avenue to federal control, and thus enable the extremely liberal education elements in UNESCO to forward their anti-Christian program including the elimination of Christian schools."

#### U.S. Postmaster Wants to Subsidize Religious Mail

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield told a congressional committee that the U.S. Post Office carries second and third class mailings sent out by churches and non-profit organizations at an annual loss of more than eight million dollars. But, he asked for a federal subsidy, not increased rates, to cover the loss.

Mr. Summerfield requested that Congress make a direct appropriation to cover the loss instead of asking the Post Office Department to assume it. He also asked Congress to assume the cost for free diplomatic mail, free mail for blind and other special concessions which he said amounted to \$26 million annually.

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee agreed unanimously to approve a bill that would provide annual appropriations from general funds to repay the Post Office for the reduced rates at which it carries mail from religious and non-profit groups.

#### Pennsylvania Conversion Center Gets Charter

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, directed that a charter be issued to Conversion Center, Inc., of Havertown, a Philadelphia suburb. The action reversed a decision by Judge William R. Toal of the Delaware County Court, who refused a charter to the group because it proposed to concentrate its activities on the "evangelization and conversion of adherents of the Roman Catholic faith, providing spiritual, temporal and financial assistance, especially to their converted clergy."

#### FACES AND FACTS IN THIS MONTH'S CHRISTIAN NEWS



R. Bowman



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- ROBERT BOWMAN, vice president of the Far East Broadcasting Co., reports that the Radio Control Board of Manila has approved a location for the new high power transmitters which FEBC has acquired. The property ten miles north of Christian Radio City has been purchased and construction of a 4,000 square foot transmitter building and two housing units has begun. Soon, Bowman expects, the new 100,000 and 50,000 watt transmitters will be reaching vast listening audiences in Asia.
- KATHRYN JEPHSON, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in 1929, has been honored by the Latin America Mission on the occasion of her twenty-fifth anniversary as a missionary. She was the first LAM missionary to begin work in Colombia, just twenty years ago, having worked in Costa Rica for five years before going there. Her nursing ministry, combined with a gospel witness, has been used to raise up churches in several Colombian cities.
- LEIGHTEON FORD, a Presbyterian evangelist and brother-in-law of Billy Graham, recently closed a united evangelistic campaign in Barrie, Ont., Canada, sponsored by thirty Protestant churches of all denominations, which resulted in more than 500 decisions for Christ. The evangelist preached to larger congregations than were ever assembled in the little city of Barrie before. He is now active in the New York City campaign.
- · G. DOUGLAS YOUNG, dean of Trinity Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Free Church of America, has been named director of the Israel-American Institute

of Biblical Studies, to be established in Jerusalem, Israel, in September, 1958. The new school will give training in the Holy Land to American theological students and pastors, especially in Bible geography and archaeology.

- JACK SHULER conducted a three-week crusade in Harrisburg, Pa., recently which resulted in over 500 firsttime decisions for Christ. Highlights were the children's rally directed by Don DeVos which was attended by 3.000 boys and girls, and the night Shuler told his life story.
- BILLY JAMES HARGIS of Tulsa, Okla., launched another barrage of Bible ballons into Russia and its satellite countries during the first two weeks in May. Each of the 50,000 hydrogen gas ballons carried five Bible portions translated into six languages. This was the fifth such launching to be made from the border of West Germany by Hargis' "Christian Crusade" movement which has floated over a million Bible portions into communistdominated territories in the past four years.
- GEORGE BURNHAM, news editor of Christianity Today, is writing a daily report of "behind-the-scenes" activity during the Billy Graham New York Crusade. The report will be printed twice a week in some 600 newspapers across the country.
- •PETER W. PHILPOTT, founder, and for twenty-six years pastor, of the Philpott Tabernacle in Hamilton, Ont., died at his home in Toronto on April 2 at the age of 91. (Item: During an earlier pastorate in Chicago, he led in building the present Moody Memorial Church.)

The dissenting justice, Michael A. Musmanno, declared that by ordering the charter to be granted the State Supreme Court was paving the way for "unleashing the winds of intolerance, the gales of prejudice, and the forces of hate and ignorance." But Justice T. McKeen Chidsey, who wrote the majority decision, held that the announced purposes of the Conversion Center could not be declared "unlawful or injurious to the public."

New Jersey Convict Forbidden to Attend Church In mid-April the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court ruled that unruly prison inmates do not have an absolute right to attend weekly church services with other prisoners. This decision was made when the court denied an appeal by James McBride, serving a life term as a habitual offender, who contended that he was being subjected to "cruel and unusual punishment" in State Prison.

McBride, who has been confined to the prison's segregation wing since 1952, said he was unable to attend church services with other inmates. The division said McBride had not been deprived of any religious freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution. It said that chaplains of each religious faith were available to visit segregation-wing prisoners "for spiritual guidance, including holy communion" and that a chapel within the wing would soon be ready for services.

#### Mission Group Spreads Gospel in Prisons

A non-sectarian mission group with headquarters in Georgetown, Tex., is spreading its influence into twenty-seven different state and federal prisons. Known as the Prison Mission Association. Inc., the group uses sound films, Bible study courses and personal visitation to bring the gospel to men behind the bars.

Joe B. Mason, the association's executive secretary, said, "We send our missionaries out like well-trained salesmen." He said that one missionary in Fort Worth, Tex., has a regular monthly route of forty to fifty county jails which he covers on schedule. "This evangelist once was a prisoner himself, and found Christ in a state penitentiary," Mr. Mason said. "He covers this monthly route, welcomed into jails by officials, in addition to his regular five-day work week." Other missionaries, he said, work full time in prison evangelism.

Elsewhere, as a precaution against jail breaks, the fifty-yearold custom of permitting Christian workers to mingle with prisoners at the Suffolk County Jail in Riverhead, N.Y., came to an abrupt end. Sheriff Charles Dominy, who has held his position only three months, terminated a custom established when the jail was opened more than fifty years ago because, "It isn't any kind of feat at all for anyone to hide a sub-

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machine gun in a banjo case." The sheriff admitted that his survey had shown no case where this had happened but he said he was worried that such an incident could occur. Ordained ministers can still visit prisoners when their presence is specifically requested.

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198-Year-Old Boston Pipe Organ Being Repaired

One of the oldest pipe organs in North America, its oncemelodious tones now wheezing after 198 years, was removed from Old North Church, Boston, for repairs. Because of the size of the organ, it was lowered pipe by pipe through the belfry window.

(Item: It was from the same belfry that a companion signaled Paul Revere in 1775 that the "British are coming.")

A van took the organ to Buffalo where it will undergo repairs at the Schlicker Organ Company. The repairs are expected to take six months. The organ was built in 1759 by the eighteenth-century artisan, Thomas Johnson. The Rev. Howard P. Kellet is vicar of the 234-year-old church.

#### Reaffirm Faith in Premillennial Doctrine

More than 1,000 delegates to the annual meeting of the North American Baptist Association at Little Rock, Ark., reaffrmed their faith in the premillennial return of Christ.

(This doctrine holds that Christ will return to earth prior to the thousand-year era of world peace that is foretold in the Bible.) At the same time, the convention said this doctrine should not be made a test of fellowship for churches.

The association unites some 900 independent missionary Baptist churches, mainly in the South, Southwest and Southeast, which withdrew from the American Baptist Association in 1950. M. E. Childers of Little Rock was elected president of the association.

#### Hebrew Alliance to Help Israeli Christians

The International Hebrew Christian Alliance plans to support Jewish Christians living in Israel through a special program of assistance and pastoral care. The newly announced program provides for the Christian education of children, improvement of living accommodations, creation of assembly halls and an old-age home. For this program it will seek to raise one quarter-million dollars over the next five years. (IHCA, founded in 1925, includes national organizations in the United States and eleven other countries.)

#### Canadian Churchmen Ask for Smaller Cars

The Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada has passed a unique resolution. At its annual meeting in Toronto, the Board agreed to submit a statement to the automobile industry suggesting that big ears are too big and wasteful.

One official said, in Europe they refer to the front grills of our cars as "the dollar grin." Another board member protested the resolution. He said if it was passed everybody in town would ask why don't the ministers themselves drive small cars, then? Then it came to light that some of the ministers preferred big, roomy cars. One man said he couldn't get his family of four teen-agers in a little car. But even so, the resolution passed and the United Church of Canada is now on record: big cars are wasteful.

Church-State Opposition Growing in Europe

Europe's traditional state church is on its way out, the president of the Baptist Union of Sweden told a Washington audience. Dr. Gunnar Westin, former dean of the theological faculty at the University of Uppsala, said that "a strong doctrine of church-and-state separation is developing throughout Europe."

The system of state supported and controlled churches developed in Scandinavian lands after the Reformation because of the theory that "government is responsible for the souls of its people," the Swedish clergyman said. It also grew out of the doctrine that religious unity was essential for political unity, Dr. Westin added.

(Item: Free churches—notably Baptist, Methodist and Congregational—have made some gains in Scandinavian countries in recent years. The Lutheran Church is the state church in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland, and includes more than 90 per cent of the population in each of these lands.)

Confession Scored by German Reformed Churches

The League of Reformed Churches in Germany has criticized what it said is a movement inside the Evangelical Church in Germany toward a general revival of individual confession of sins. The confessional was abolished by the Protestant Church in Germany around 1700, but was reintroduced formally in Bavaria about one hundred years ago and has reappeared in a number of Protestant churches in West Germany in the past year or two.

A statement issued by the moderamen, or top management body, of the League of Reformed Churches said: "We must warn against the false view that the confession of sins to a preacher or another brother necessarily brings forth absolution by virtue of the confession itself or by virtue of a supernatural authority of the preacher." It declared that use of the word "confession" is "a retreat behind the line of the Reformation." (The Reformed League represents about 450,000 believers and embraces most of the country's Reformed parishes.)

**Buddhist Missionaries Being Prepared for West** 

Buddhists are now preparing to send their missionaries into Western countries. According to a report received by the British Council of Churches a special college is now operating in Rangoon and a center in Colombo is training missionaries.

This warning came from the British Missionary Society, which said that Buddhism has been aroused by the recent celebration of the 2,500th anniversary of the death of Buddha and by a deep fear in Asia of nuclear war. The report declared that Buddhist leaders are calling for support of their missionary programs with the plea that "the world must be saved from Christianity, which," they say, "has failed to prevent the so-called Christian nations of the West from inflicting on the world two world wars."

Meanwhile, the Church of South India plans to send two Indian Christian couples to Thailand as soon as negotiations have been completed with the Church of Christ in Thailand. It is felt that Buddhists will listen with special interest to Christian missionaries who come from the land in which Buddhism originated.

A-Bomb Tests Opposed by National Churches

Four national church groups within one month officially called for an end to A-bomb and H-bomb tests. Latest action came from the British Council of Churches. It passed by a narrow margin a resolution deploring impending British hydrogen bomb tests. At the same time, the National Christian Council of Japan passed unanimously a resoultion which again requested the cessation of atom and hydrogen bomb experiments. The Japanese request was sent to the World Council of Churches.

The British and Japanese action brings to four the number of church groups which have recently protested the testing of nuclear weapons. The General Synod of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands and the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany both registered their opposition during their annual meetings.

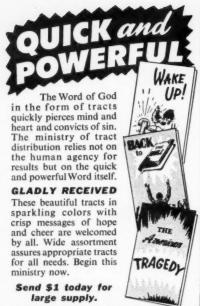
#### Roundup of Significant News Briefs

An international Jewish Bible society was formed in Jerusalem last April 15 to publish educational materials for Bible study among Jewish groups all over the world.

A Baptist pastor has been named first chairman of the newlyformed Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. J. T. Ayorinde's appointment is considered in Lagos an indication that the new broadcasting agency will encourage religious freedom.

Missionaries serving in Haiti report conditions there have never been worse. Nevertheless, more than one thousand new members have joined the Christian group since January 1.

The Sudan government began its program of nationlizing that country's mission schools last April 1. Affected were a sizeable number of Protestant, Anglican and Roman Catholic institutions.



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The Blessed Hope

As a missionary married to a Costa pastor (ministering to two churches of the Central American Mission-and now a third, just recently begun) there are two things I really look forward to: (1) letters from home, and (2) Moopy Monthly. Please accept a deep felt thanks.

Enjoyed [Wilbur Smith's "The Church, the Tribulation and the Rapture"] in the March issue. At Columbia Bible College I was exposed to the post-tribulation idea. I was so glad for the article as I believe many Christians haven't even considered [that] side.

May I quote what [former president of C.B.C.] Dr. McQuilkin, now in glory, used to say in reference to the two views? "I don't like to think the church will go through the Tribulation, but that's what I see in the Bible. If we do go through, I'm prepared and know He will give grace; but for you who believe pre-Trib it will be a shock! Now if we don't go through the Tribulation-we'll praise the Lord!"

Whatever the outcome is I agree the Blessed Hope is to see our wonderful King. Deep down in my heart I believe Christ will take us away before the Tribulation.-Mary Hernandez, Grecia, Costa Rica.

While agreeing that a Christian should use wise and discreet stewardship of his income, in my opinion the article "Are We Indian Givers?" is based on a fallacy. In no way does an income tax refund increase a person's income. It merely reduces his expenditure for this particular

A consecrated Christian who recognizes that he and all he possesses belong to the Lord takes into account the net amount of income tax payable along with all other necessary personal expenditures.

The New Testament teaching on stewardship is based on ability rather than percentage. Ability varies from person to person, and from time to time. The most important thing is to give all we can all the time to the Lord, and spend as little as necessary on other things.-F. John Smith, Quito, Ecuador, S.A.

#### Honor to Whom Honor

On page 29 of your April issue credit is given to Horatius Bonar for the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." This, apparently, is a mistake. The hymn, I understand, was written by Joseph Scriven.

Recently, while in the vicinity of Scriven's former home, I saw a facsimile of his handwriting in which the line, "Are we weak and heavy-laden?" reads, "Are we cold and unbelieving?" One wonders what could be the reason for the change.-F. W. Schwartz, Detroit, Mich.

Hymnologists found surprises on page 28 of M/M's current issue (April). Sankey did not write "When I Survey the

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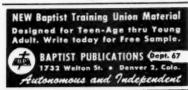
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Wondrous Cross." It was written by the Rev. Isaac Watts for a communion service in his Congregational church in Southampton, England, in 1707.

Stebbins did not write "There is a Green Hill." It was written by Mrs. Alexander in 1848. She was the wife of the Bishop of Derry, Ireland, the Angelican primate of that Emerald Isle.-F. J. Miles, Miami, Fla.

While acknowledging the errors of our way, as pointed out by several alert readers, we would maintain that Mrs. Cecil B. Alexander wrote only the words of "There Is a Green Hill." A number of hymn tunes have been used with the words, but the one most widely accepted is the simple, sweet, majestic tune com-posed by George B. Stebbins in 1884.

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I would like to see every issue of M/M have a true story such as the one about "Dickie" (Feb., Mar.), or the one some time ago called "When Ma Wouldn't Give Up." (May '56). Stories like these give Christianity a practical aspect.— Mrs. Edward Dockweiler, Plainwell, Mich.

#### Concerning the "Little Flock"

You mistook Wang Ming-Tao to be the founder of the Little Flock ["The Church in China," Feb.]. He is not related to this group of churches. He has his church in the eastern part of the city of Peking, while the Little Flock has their meeting place in the northern part.

Watchman Nee was the leader of the Little Flock and you may call him the founder. Wang's church is called the Christian Tabernacle. That is where I came into contact with people who love the Lord and eventually came to know Him through them. I also attended a number of the Little Flock assemblies various occasions.-Stephen Hsu. Highland Park, Mich.

#### More On SDA

I read with interest your "Wait and see' policy with regard to Seventh-day Adventists. Perhaps your viewpoint is justified after so many years of misunderstanding.

I am just beginning my ministry as an Adventist, and frankly all of these narrow, intolerenat views held by self-styled fundamentalists leave me cold. As a convert, willing to study without prejudice, I fail to discover any of the loudly shouted objections to SDA's. I have yet to meet ONE Adventist member, preacher or teacher, that does not believe in salvation by grace, provided by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have been born again, thank God! And how thankful I am that God has ot adopted a "wait and see" platform, and that He is not waiting for the fundamentalist to accept us before He can. -Lee Price, Glendale, Calif.

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#### Another Sober Warning

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A columnist for a Nairobi (Kenya, E. Africa) paper recently wrote an interesting article appraising the United Nations. His view appeared to us sober, far from iconoclastic, and quite realistic. While conceding that the alignment of nations may change overnight, this columnist nevertheless gives us something to think about when he affirms it is a matter of simple arithmetic that the United Nations is so divided as to be put in the position of being useless so far as just and equitable decisions are concerned.

Following the lead of Walter Lippman, the writer divides the nations in the UN into four groups: the American bloc with 21 votes; the Soviet-Arab bloc with 21 votes; the West European bloc with 20 votes; the Afro-Asian bloc with 16 votes. If these blocs were to remain intact, and if they were to follow their normal alignments in voting, it would be impossible for either the West or the East to muster the two-thirds majority necessary in votes on important matters in the Assembly. But even more foreboding is the fact that while an alignment of the American and Afro-Asian blocs with the Soviet-Arab bloc would clear the way for sanctions against a nation like Israel, no such action could ever be taken against Egypt so long as the Afro-Asian and Russian blocs opposed. It just would not work out mathematically.

The article informs us that the ratio of votes between the West and the East has changed since 1945—declining from 65 per cent to 51 per cent.

Since this columnist believes that only the UN stands between the world and chaos, we can understand his anxiety. No wonder his article ends: "The world at the moment stands on the brink of total disillusionment. It is now or never."

Once again the Bible believing Christian is reminded to pray for those in authority, to use his influence for righteousness, and to thank his Father that his hope is in more than even the best human organization.

#### What Will the Harvest Be?

Praised as the product of foresight, the federated theological faculty of the University of Chicago is to send three of its members to study Buddhism, while it receives three Buddhist scholars who will do research and will lecture to seminars on Buddhism for the next three years. Presumably this arrangement is to further international relations and to constitute another step toward fraternal understanding between religions.

It would be absurd to oppose talking with advocates of other faiths. It would be foolish to suggest discourtesy and bitternesss as the proper approach to individuals of other beliefs. But does that mean representatives of non-Christian religions should lecture in our seminaries? What strange monstrosity is this? The graduates of this school—as judged by the record—will not know what the Bible teaches, but for the coming year at least will have

a first hand knowledge of the teachings of Buddhism.

It does not take any great discernment to see two facts about this kind of liberalism.

First a confession of the poverty of liberalism—this since in their belief all religion is simply man's attempt to reach God, and we must be in a constant search for something better than the faith of our fathers.

Second, a further step along the road which ultimately will lead to one world religion, which, in its final form, will be that of the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth.

#### No Cross, No Crown

One of the leading ministers of "the cult of reassurance" is reported to have given the following definition: "Christianity is a mechanism designed to transmit power from Jesus Christ to the individual. It teaches techniques for obtaining inner peace from which power comes."

It is not that we question that this man is a Christian. Though, in all honesty, we would have to admit that we never heard him say over the radio nor have we ever read in any of his newspaper columns how a person can really become a Christian. That he has a tremendous following and that he does some good are both admitted. Perhaps it is the fact that he comes so close that makes us wish he would go all the way.

But his definition of Christianity is so deficient. Why all this stress on what a person gets out of Christianity—to the exclusion of what it costs to be a disciple? And should not the emphasis of Biblical Christianity be on the fact that it is divine life—not "a mechanism" teaching "techniques"? Is this current brand of Christianity an attempt to get Christian blessings by techniques instead of through the cross?

#### Are You Losing Sunday?

Those who have been concerned about the commercializing and secularizing of Sunday have seen little to encourage them or change their viewpoint as to the seriousness of the situation during the recent months. To be sure, a number of religious leaders have made their voices heard in various ways, and some concern has been shown here and there on the part of business and labor interests, but the trend seems far from being checked.

Last month's news report made mention of the fact that the provincial government of Ontario is preparing to test Canada's half-century old Lord's Day Act, and legislative proposals in various parts of the United States bear evidence that our own country is inclined to make Sunday even more of a day of convenience and pleasure than it has already become.

It may be argued, of course, that restrictions on Sunday activities—restrictions which do not reflect the attitude of the majority of the people—have little or no meaning. But this we are convinced is a serious error. The public would do well to realize that Sunday—even a Sunday inadequately used—is an important influence against the tide of secularism, materialism and lawlessness so generally recognized. Official abandonment of Sunday to business and amusement interests cannot help but lend impetus to the present very serious trend.

Meanwhile Christians themselves will do well to reconsider their own attitude toward keeping the Lord's Day. Surrounded as they are by the influences already mentioned, it is hardly surprising that believers are tempted to use part of their Sundays as a time for the odds and ends which they have not been able to fit elsewhere in their busy weekday schedules.

Pastors especially should impress it upon the hearts of their people that they need all the potential benefits of the Lord's Day—that in their observance of this one day in seven they have the means of spiritual growth and strength which they so sorely need for the rest of the week. Speaking of the Jewish sabbath, the Lord Jesus Christ declared that"the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). If in the less hurried day of Moses and the prophets men needed a weekly day of rest and worship, how much more do we need such a time in the day in which we live!

What will the Lord's Day include if it is properly used? Worship, of course—attendance at Sunday school and church wherever possible as well as participation in any other special services of the day. But that is by no means all. If used wisely the Lord's Day will provide time for some of the essentials of spiritual growth for all

he family.

This may well include time for instructing children, a task which should not be left as completely as it is to the Sunday school; time for profitable reading and time for personal counsel with members of the family about spiritual matters. Often it will include some time for personal Bible study on a basis impossible during the busy week. Frequently it can include occasions for helping others—for performing some ministry of kindness, for contact with the unsaved or for encouraging fellow Christians.

What we are suggesting, of course, is a return to a more or less "old fashioned" Sunday. This is the kind of Sunday which begins the day before, with Saturday as a day of preparation, continues with the family retiring at an early or reasonable hour on Saturday night and a sufficiently early hour of rising on Sunday morning, and is climaxed by purposeful use of the day with spiritual ends in view.

Such an approach will not be easy in view of the temper of the times and the habits many of us have gathered through the years. But it is quite possible if we set out to make the Lord's Day what it really ought to be in the light of such passages as Isaiah 58:13, 14. And how can we hope to be strong Christians or rear strong Christian families if we neglect this provision for our need?

#### Understanding Your Newspaper

A recent report from a regional press association meeting underlines the fact that religious news is no longer a stepchild in the thinking of most up-to-date newspapers. According to one religious news editor, news of churches and Christian activities during the past few years has risen from a "fifth-place beat" to a secondary position.

On the basis of considerable observation and some experience, we would hazard the guess that newspapers are less prejudiced and more open to legitimate evangelical news than many church leaders realize. While bias no doubt exists in some instances, we are convinced that more often the trouble lies in the church worker's own failure to realize what constitutes real news and to present his church activities in the most effective way.

Obviously a great deal depends upon the local circumstances, especially the size of the community and the type of newspaper. But a few specific principles of

general application may be helpful to pastors.

1. Recognize your newspaper's point of view. It needs the news you have as well as news from other groups. It needs and wants your friendship.

2. If you haven't already done so, take time out to learn what makes real news in your particular situation. The public library should yield some books on newspaper reporting, and your local editor will probably give you tips.

3. Never ask for free advertising or mere publicity. Never hesitate to offer news.

4. Bear in mind that most news is linked with some event. Those most successful in getting publicity are usually the persons who know how to plan in terms of newsworthy happenings.

5. Don't try to write your own news stories unless you've had experience or unless, of course, you're asked to do so. Write out the facts—who, what, why, when and where, being careful of names, dates and places.

Get the news to your paper while it is still fresh.Give advance notice of coming events when possible.

7. Be helpful in arranging for pictures if they are wanted.

8. Try to be fair and impartial if you are dealing with more than one paper.

Nothing will arouse the antagonism of your newspaper more quickly than use of "pressure." Avoid it.

10. If opportunity offers, get to know your editor as a person.



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"It's safer flying high"—sometimes it echoes
When conscience indicates the need of care.
When tempted to some base or fleshly interest,
And sin presents itself in colors fair.

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For those who wish to live among the few.

So evident in life as in air travel—

The farther from the earth, the fuller view.

The hills of difficulty are no longer,
The mountains of despair are ironed smooth;
When high and looking down upon your problems,
The deep and darker valley seems a groove.

No fogs will blur the lines of demarcation, And make the black of wrong a blended gray, When you are living in the open sunshine, Where altitude will brighten all your way.

"It's safer flying high," says the apostle,
The world beneath, and God's own blue above;
Remember Christ is seated in the heavenlies,
And you are with Him there—climax of love!

How worthless then the world, how dull its glory, When you live high, and far enough away To get a sense of values, wise and proper; Then why not live your altitude today?

Reprinted in memory of the author, for thirteen years beloved president of Moody Bible Institute and editor of MOODY MONTHLY. Dr. Houghton was called into the presence of the Lord ton years ago this month.

we never called him

JOOKING back, now I can see the reason behind my father's vigorous objection to being called "Dad." For him the term meant that he had become old, and carried with it more than a trace of disrespect. He simply refused to grow old. Even when glaucoma was taking his eyesight, he would ride his bicycle daily, squinting along the curb with the last vestige of vision left in his one good eye. God must have sent an extra detachment of angels to protect him on those occasions!

A kindly brother said to him one day, in congratulating him on a birthday—somewhere around his 75th—"Well, brother Cook, isn't it wonderful to know the Lord in your sunset years?"

My father, who always reserved the right to be impertinent while chalking it up to his convictions, answered him: "Did you ever hear such rot? I'm not in my sunset years—I'm having the time of my life!"

"I don't know, boy," he told me one day, "but it doesn't sound right . . . Old Dad Jones . . . Old Dad Cook! That doesn't sound as though you thought very much of the person!"

So we compromised. I called him Pop, my sister called him Papa, the relatives called him Charley, and the Sunday school kids in Howard Nelson's new church in Cleveland called him Doc.

But we all loved him. Here's why.

→ HE was real. Whether he was arguing with you or advising you (he never hesitated to tell you how you could live your life better) or wiping away a small boy's tears with the heel of his hand hardened by a half century of manual work, you knew he was thoroughly, transparently sincere.

My father hated "kidding" as we Americans define the word. He would point seriously at the verse that warns against "foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient." He would often remind us that for "every idle word



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#### Blessed is that youngster who sees the

#### imprint of God on his father's life.

that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

He could laugh as heartily as the next one, but he wanted you to know that when he said a thing he meant it. This bred considerable naiveté in my own attitude which led later to some rude awakenings. But he never let me down. When he promised anything, whether it was a bicycle or a beating, he kept his word.

It was impossible for him to dissemble. When he was glad he showed it, and when he was displeased you knew it—immediately. Such a personality can produce some pretty choppy domestic weather, but the squalls pass much sooner than when dealing with a chronic sulker.

He was real in his prayers. I used to grow weary at their length sometimes, and their subject-matter was admittedly much the same from day to day. But there was never a question in my mind as to whether he meant what he was saying to God—I knew he meant it. And God did, too, for He answered time and again.

I shall never forget the mornings when I would awake at 5:30 and see my father kneeling beside the gas stove that served both to prepare food and to heat our little rented room. "God, bless my boy today!" he would pray. "Keep him from sin, and lead him in the way everlasting." You never get away from prayers like that!

My father was real in his hatred of sin. The world, the flesh and the devil were real enemies to him, and he was on the offensive against them all the time. Get him talking about the liquor industry, and his eyes would spit fire.

It was easier, I think, for me to go through the stormy days of my teens—even though I rebelled bitteriy and often hankered for the things of the world. It was easier on my soul because I had a father I knew was real, even though at times I didn't agree with him.

→ HE knew how to live. This statement is absolutely true, but strange, perhaps, when you realize that he never made any money, never saved any, never owned any property, never bought any insurance, and except for five or six years out of his eighty-three he never owned a

car (all the rest of the time he rode a bicycle).

He taught me that to enjoy life, its thrill and its pathos, you have to face it head-on with what you have. Today's fashionable discontent with all but the newest model, and the resultant psychological impotence in the art of being "content with such things as ye have" never entered his mind. Whatever he had and however he felt at the moment he savored and enjoyed it to the full.

Was he happy? He would whistle in that shrill tone that threatened to pop one's eardrums, and the house would rock with his chin-music version of "The Irish Washerwoman": Da da dotn da dotn de deedle . . .

Was he blue? There were plenty of times when the loss of his life's companion came over him in waves of grief. He didn't fight it, but he would settle down in the old rocking chair, get out a song book and sing, "Oh they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, Oh they tell me of a home far away . . .!" And before long a smile would show through his tears.

To his small boy, reared in a home that believed in observing the Lord's Day, Sunday would sometimes loom as a day of prohibitions. My father would promptly get out his bike, put me on mine, and together we would spend the entire afternoon distributing Sunday school papers and magazines to unchurched homes.

So doing, he served his God, and at the same time got his boy delightfully and contentedly tired—in spite of no Sunday baseball!

He enjoyed what he had, without the constant ulcer-breeding cry of "More!" Of course by today's standards he was away off course. And I'll admit it was a hard life, and considered by some to be unnecessarily Spartan.

Still, I yearn sometimes for the joy of living that was his. He got more satisfaction out of cleaning an old rusty jack-knife until it gleamed than of buying a new one. The most common admonition when he gave you anything was, "Now, see how long you can keep it."

For him things were to be used and kept, not replaced. Life was to be faced and lived, not avoided. He did a good job on both counts.

HE hooked his life to eternity. Everything had to pay out for souls, for God's glory, for eternity—everything.

When I wanted a small box camera and was trying every legitimate means (plus some polite blackmail) to get it he remarked, "That'll be great, boy. How are you going to use it to win souls?"

He would not be in conversation with a person more than five minutes before the talk would veer to matters eternal. How he did it, I used to marvel. Watching and listening, it was hard to realize that as a child he was so shy that he would run away from home rather than meet a stranger. And that he grew up with the bitter words, "You'll never amount to anything!" ringing in his ears.

Yet this father of mine—shy as a boy, and possessing as a man a genius for sensitiveness that kept us treading on "thin ice" lest we offend unnecessarily—this amazing combination of Prussian positiveness, Germanic grumpiness, and Celtic charm, found a way to talk to everyone he met about the Saviour he loved! He lived every moment in the realization that "we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," and that what we do now has to pay out then.

When high school graduation came for me, my plans were already taking shape. I wanted to be in auto mechanics and electronics, had already sent away for descriptive literature in the field.

"Listen, boy," he told me, "you'll be a better mechanic if you put a year of Bible under your belt. If that's what God wants you to be, a mechanic, you'll want to serve Him and win souls through that work. So you better get some Bible. I'll stake you to a year at Moody Bible Institute if you wish, and then you can go ahead with this career. Okay?"

What could I lose? I learned later that it cost him his lunch every day for a year to be able to pay my room and board (tuition was free). He did it gladly, to hook his boy's life to eternity.

→ I'n like to be that kind of father: Real with God and man, my life uncluttered by the chronic covetousness that is twentieth century Christianity's great weakness, and living every moment with the sober awareness that eternity is soon—and forever!



No adventure in life is so important
as the walk you begin when you
take those first faltering steps
as a Christian. Here is wise
and kindly help from one who
has traveled the Way for many years.

# Counsel

Dear Friend:

Looking back over three score years and ten to the beginning of my own Christian life I can think of many promising young folk who made the great decision to "follow the Christ, the King." Some, I am sad to say, failed to fulfill their early promise. So I am constrained to suggest a few lines of guidance.

I shall try to avoid negatives, if possible. We do not pluck leaves from the trees when the fall is over. We know that when the sap rises in the spring the new life will shed the residue of the old.

Yet a word of warning is in place. I have never known a case of a "fall from grace" that did not begin with neglect of private prayer, personal Bible study, and neglect of "the means of grace." While space will prevent discussion of these things in detail I will try to summarize the essential positives for a deepening Christian life.

Practice the presence of God in prayer. Jesus is your supreme example. He prayed before and after each great event in His life (see Luke 6:12 and context). He utilized the three great solitudes of time (Mark 1:31; Luke 6:12), place (Mark 6:46,47; and Luke 5:16), and spirit (Luke 11:1; 9:18). Apart from set times He prayed on given occasions (John 11:41,42). In spirit He prayed "without ceasing." You will do well to follow Him in this.

Keep set periods for prayer. "Morning, noon and night will I pray" (Ps. 55:17). But special claims will come, as for instance, when Peter was sinking and he cried, "Lord, save me!" (Mark 14:30). At all times, the facts and needs of the Christian life make prayer imperative, so

Speak to Him, thou, for He heareth, And Spirit with spirit may meet; Closer is He than breathing And nearer than hands and feet.

Begin the day with God. Keep the morning watch. Give God the opportunity to speak to you through His Word. It is better that you should consistently practice listening than that you should only and ever be offering petitions. You will need sustenance, strength for the day, and He will give it to you through His Word. Here, quality is greater than quantity. How you read and reflect and remember is more important than how much.

Get a good Bible—at whatever sacrifice—bound in Morocco, leather-lined and silk sewn. It may last you a lifetime. If and when you need a new one get one of the same make, for all Scofield, Oxford, Bagster and other Bibles are the same in substance on every page, irrespective of size and type. You may have a geographical rather than a chapter-and-verse memory and may thus be able to recall the position of a desired passage on the page.

For devotional purposes, do not read regularly any Bible with captions inserted in the text. They may be, and in the most used edition they usually are, very helpful. But it is humanly impossible to read a passage following the reading of such heading without being prejudiced.

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# to a Convert

But you will not be content with keeping the necessarily brief morning watch. Set apart some definite period for following Paul's advice to Timothy (II Tim. 2:15): "Study [give diligence] to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing [conjoining, handling aright, ploughing as a strait furrow through] the Word of God." Seek the Spirit's guidance as you explore the Word (I John 2:27). Then check. For this purpose the Scofield Bible and notes are excellent.

God's thought cannot be expressed adequately in any one language or set of phrases (Isa. 55:8). The inspiration of the Word is in its inbreathing the thoughts of God. Study reverently, prayerfully and carefully other translations, but always bearing in mind that you are dealing with the Spiritinspired and inerrant Word of the living God.

May I advise you not to mark the Bible you read for devotional purposes? I grew up on railroading, underlining, overprinting, using a half dozen different colored inks. Don't! For when you again read a passage that you have marked you are almost certain to read it in the light of the notes and marking you have made. This will militate against the freedom of the Holy Spirit to "guide you into all truth."

Rely upon the indwelling Spirit, so that you may not drift into an up-and-down experience—in the heavenlies one day and down in the slough of despond the next. The Christian life is intended to be that of an "overcomer" (read the references in your concordance) from its beginning. God "hath granted unto us [in Him] all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (II Pet. 1:3).

"Possess your possessions." Read Romans 6 and dwell on the word "reckon" (v. 11). Reckon, yield, surrender (Rom. 6:13: 12:1.2), then

Trust and obey!

For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
Than to trust and obey!

Don't be peculiar, extravagant, extreme. Wisdom was not born with, nor will it die with you. Don't try to stand alone or you will become angular, and others will not like your angularities rubbed off on them. "Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous" (I Pet. 3:8).

Cultivate the jellowship of the saints. They have somewhat to contribute to you and maybe God will make you a blessing to them. God will enrich you through your elder brothers in the Lord, and keep their hearts young through you. The wisdom of experience and the enthusiastic initiative of youth make a happy and helpful blend.

Keeping to yourself would make you lopsided and parochial. Fellowship will enable you to see the truth from others' viewpoints. It will contribute to the breadth and depth of your Christian experience (Heb. 10:25).

Testify for your Lord. It is Christ's plan for "the furtherance of the gospel" in this age, and so it is for you (Acts 1:8). At the time of jotting down these thoughts I am ministering



to patients in Christian homes for alcoholics. After two years a graduate came to the annual reunion of those who have been saved and gave this testimony: "In two years not one of my old friends has once asked me to have a drink."

He paused and added, "You see, I always get my testimony in first as to how Christ saved me, and then they do not invite me."

You will do well to follow the "one by one" plan in witnessing—every one winning another one. Every one a missionary. Every one a minister of person and word as well as of money.

What a stewardship is this that is given to you! What a privilege of service! And what a reward! For (to fall into line with Paul, I Thess. 2:19, 20), "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

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or individual corsages, how about carnations?" Marge said. "They always look nice and they're not a bit exp..."

"Excuse me, Marge," Peg interrupted. She turned to her small son. "Please, Johnny! Those are Trudi's books. Here's yours. See all the beautiful pictures? Now take your crayons. There!"

For the fourth time she settled her little boy in the big chair, and smiled apologetically at Marge and me.

We were trying to plan the decorations for our club's annual dinner party, but up to this time had gotten nowhere. Little Johnny and his love of art had impeded all progress.

"Go on, Marge," Peg said. "I'm sorry."
Marge was trying hard to be patient.
"I was going to say, carnations would
be very inexpensive, and we can dye

them any color."
"Excuse me." Peg interrupted again.
She leaned over and began to explain carefully. "Johnny, don't you understand? Those books belong to Trudi and they're full of wonderful pictures and if you should tear them Trudi would be dreadfully sorry. Now-sit down and look at your own book. That's right."

"I'll put it away," I offered. "No use tempting him." I was reaching hopefully for the book when Peg stopped me.

"Trudi, that would be the worst possible solution. Johnny must learn to live in the world as it is, not one especially created for him." She smiled indulgently at her son. "Johnny, Trudi is going to think you're a naughty boy if you keep on like this. You want her to ask you to her house again, don't you?"

This obvious appeal to Johnny's better nature, like all the other devices, failed miserably. Fifteen minutes later, Peg gave up and went home.

She was hardly out the door when Marge spoke her mind. "Well!" she exclaimed. "do you know what that boy needs? A good forceful 'explanation' applied to the seat of his little blue jeans!"

I laughed. "Peg would say that is hopelessly old-fashioned." "What was the purpose of all that rigamarole, anyway?" Marge demanded.

"Peg was just using the modern methods of explanation, substitution and diversion," I responded. "I have a book explaining just how it works. The basic idea is that 'no' is extremely bad for children. They say it creates a negative attitude."

"Negative attitude!" Marge was indignant. "What else was Johnny showing but a negative attitude? He was against everything his mother suggested! Anyway," she sputtered, "what's wrong with "no'?"

What was wrong with "no"? I wondered. For, expecting my first child, I was terribly anxious to do the right thing for him when he arrived.

When John came home that evening I presented him with the problem.

"Do you think we should teach Junior the meaning of 'no'?" I asked.

He looked at me. "What do you mean?"
"I mean, should we teach him that
'no' means 'no' or just 'perhaps' or
'maybe'?"

"The first, definitely." John smiled and rumpled my hair. "And you can quote the best authority in the world on it."

"Yes?" eagerly. "What authority?"

"The Bible. Look at the Ten Commandments. God says 'no' in nine of them. No 'maybe' or 'perhaps,' but a clear 'Thou shalt not.' And not only in the Ten Commandments, but throughout the whole New Testament!"

Right there and then we decided to teach our child the meaning of the word 'no.' Because 'no' figures in our faith, in our civil laws, in our social intercourse. It is a very real and important part of all our lives.

Sooner or later, every individual must learn to reckon with that little two-letter word. And when he learns it, both he and those he comes in contact with will be much happier.

I intend to limit my "no" teaching to those things that are dangerous to him and to others, and to things that are hurtful. If necessary I shall enforce those teachings with an explanation on the physical portion provided by nature.

If our family increases to four or five (as we want it to do) I will have neither the time nor inclination to stop and divert Junior from his misdeeds. If, for example, I am giving his baby sister a bath and he tries to turn on the gas stove, a resolute "no" should be enough.

When he makes his first timid sorties out into the wide, wide world he will need to recognize the "no's" bristling from every direction. When the little boy down the block shouts, "No! you can't have my trike!" Junior will save himself a lot of trouble if he knows that "no" is exactly what the little boy means.

He will find his school days more pleasant if he has first learned what "no" means at home. An overworked kindergarten teacher with twenty or more youngsters is too busy to explain personally just why he cannot do every little thing his heart is set on. The school day will be much easier on both teacher and pupil if Junior knows this before he gets to school.

He will be more ready to obey the traffic light's warning as it flashes red at the busy intersection on the way to school. There'll be no 'diversionary tactics' then to keep Junior on the sidewalk. His understanding of the light's "no" may spell the difference between life and death.

Yes, I firmly believe that the child who has learned what "no" means has taken a long step toward becoming a happy and well adjusted person. He's going to meet that two-letter word in school, in church, and at play. So his father and I are going to introduce him to it at home.

We're going to see that he learns early that "no" is important today and that God's "no's" especially—in the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount and all the rest of the Bible—still stand.

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# College is a Family Affair

By Hazel Goddard

F you happen to be a parent of one of the estimated three-quarter million high school graduates who will enter college this fall, you are no doubt already aware that sending Jack off to college is no small undertaking.

If you have gained a few gray hairs wading through catalogues, pamphlets, and letters to help decide on which school . . . worn a pencil down figuring expenses . . . dried a few of mother's tears as she anticipated Jack's first year away from home, or reassured father that you can do with a little less household money . . . relax and face it!

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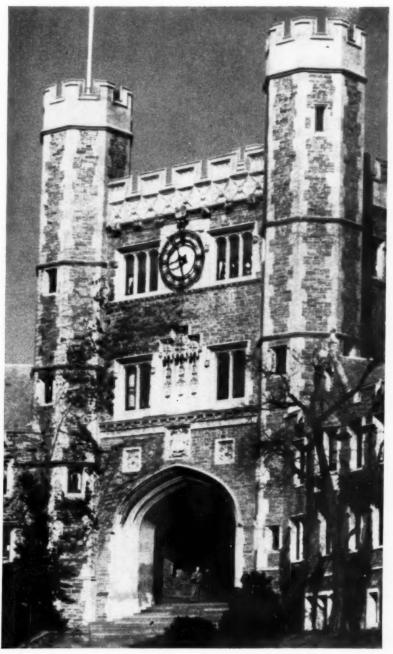
In the next four years there will be more gray hairs, more pencils and maybe more tears. This is just the beginning. You are going to discover that sending Jack to school is a big project and, chances are, the whole family will be affected.

However, because the project has its problems and sacrifices in no way makes further training less valuable. But, it is important that parents and students alike be realistic about the college situation as it stands today and that both face up to the responsibilities and opportunities that lie ahead in the next four years.

For the purpose of this article, we shall assume that both you and your son or daughter have sought carefully the will of God as to what type of school he or she should attend—whether Bible institute, Bible college, Christian liberal arts college, or secular institution. Thus we can devote our attention to pointing up some practical questions that might not be answered in the school catalogues you have seen, and yet which are extremely important to you.

While most of the information in this article has been gathered from Christian colleges (twenty-five reviewed), such statistics as costs, admissions, and opportunities hold true for various types of schools.

+ First of all, you may have already discovered that some colleges can afford to be selective when accepting their students. Some have to turn away students



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Address inquiries to Director of Admissions each year so have no difficulty signing up applicants who are in the upper one-third of their class scholastically. However, most of these schools will permit a lower bracket student to take an entrance test. Starting this fall, one Christian college is requiring that every entering student take an entrance test regardless of his scholastic achievements in high school.

Admission to the smaller Christian colleges is less of a problem, but most of them suggest that between October 1 and March 1 is the best time for filing applications. So if Jack is having a difficult time making up his mind and has not even applied yet, it would be wise for him to come to a decision very soon. Almost without exception the colleges serve notice that:

 Applicants will be considered in the order in which they complete their applications.

Housing will be assigned in the order in which applicants are accepted.

Suppose your boy has not been able to get into the school of his choice? Sometimes that situation is a difficult one and often the very fact that a student is not accepted makes him all the more anxious to attend the school where he could not make the grade. Real lessons in patience and determination may be learned here.

Generally it is wise to decide on a "second best" school as soon as possible, and if the student is in earnest he will probably apply himself more than he would have if he had been accepted by the school of his choice. If he does well he can re-apply at the first school as a transfer student and maybe be ahead in experience as well as study habits.

+ Most parents have to give real thought and planning to the cost situation. In some cases it may be a deciding factor as to what school will be attended. Dad, you may as well accept it, advanced training is going to cost something. In many cases it will affect the whole family scale of living. Younger children may not have as many "extras" as they would like, you may have to drive the family car another year or two, home improvements may have to wait. In some cases there may need to be real sacrifice on the part of the whole family.

According to a government survey the cost of a four-year college education has doubled since 1939. Students who attend public colleges will spend an average of \$1,500 this year. In private colleges the average yearly cost is now \$2000.

This same survey tells us that parents and relatives pay about 41 per cent of the bills, another 29 per cent is paid from students' own savings, 17 per cent is earned by students and the rest is provided by scholarships, veterans' programs, loans and other sources.

To break these costs down further: a survey of 329 colleges reveals that in the private liberal arts college with enrollments of more than 500 the average tuition fee per semester was \$296.10 for the 1955-56 year and more than half the colleges reported an anticipated increase in 1957.

Dormitory charges for the same college category average \$27.00 per month for single rooms, \$22.50 for double and \$19.90 for more than two in a room. Monthly average rate for board is \$44.60.

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Will Jack be able to help meet these costs through part time employment? Practically all the colleges checked do not advise working the first year but all have employment agencies to help students find part time employment. All schools have a certain amount of campus work available so those students who want to earn extra money may do so.

But, at best, the amount of money Jack will earn during the school year will be a small percentage of the overall costs. It must be remembered, too, that if he is to get the most out of his courses he will need to spend hours in study and if he is to engage in any extra-curricular activities there will be little time left for work.

+ That brings us to the question of extra-curricular interests. We read much today about big business management preferring the graduate who may have lower than a "B" average but who has engaged in athletic competition, worked on the school paper or year book, been a member of the debating team, served as student body president, etc.

It is assumed that such a student has learned invaluable lessons in getting along with people, while the straight "A" student may have spent all his time in the books and lost out on the practical side of his training.

That all sounds good and the argument has its point, but if we are to be realistic we must note that such professions as medicine and law require a "B" average in order to get into graduate schools. So, there may be adjustment somewhere along the line.

If a pre-med student finds that he cannot maintain a "B" average and play on the team then he must keep out of uniform and play the less glamorous role of sitting at his desk. Or if the fellow who has financial troubles finds he must work to stay in college, he must be satisfied with handling a mop instead of a football. It is that simple.

Does Jack have a chance at a scholarship? Every school in the survey shows scholarships or funds of some sort to help the deserving student, so do not take it for granted that he will not rate but rather look into the matter at his college.

Have you wondered where Jack is go-

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ing to live when he gets to school? Chances are that college housing committees are wondering that same thing right now, but most schools do not take more students than they can adequately handle so, while he may not have as desirable a place as some student who got his application in earlier, he will not suffer.

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+ But now, let's take a peek at the other side of the ledger. What is Jack going to receive for all this money and effort?

First of all, he will receive invaluable help in trying to decide what career he is fitted for and thus what courses he should take. Most colleges maintain a vocational counseling service. Recognizing that the choice of occupation depends upon individual capacities, interests and opportunities, students are given guidance by faculty advisors. In some schools there is a vocational counselor who is prepared to give current information concerning vocations.

Christian colleges add spiritual guidance to the above career preparation and find a combination that points many young people in the right direction.

Then, Jack will sit in classes under men who, for the most part, have decided that fellows like him are important enough for them to turn their backs on more lucrative positions so they can have a part in molding their lives.

You are doing it for four years because you love your boy and want him to be fitted for his life's work, but the professors are doing it for a life-time, not just for one but for thousands of fellows and girls. Most of them are doing it not as a sacrifice but as a privilege. For the real Christian professor it is a matter of investing in a life with eternal values in view.

As I prepared to write this article, I saw the statement of aims by one Christian college. Scanning it, I noticed that this school, through its studies, is endeavoring to:

Train its students to think and express themselves logically.

Acquaint them with the Christian view of the various broad fields of human interest.

Prepare them for careers or for further professional training.

Help them establish habits of continuing intellectual growth.

All this is in addition to the school's co-curricular program through which it hopes to: (1) help the student toward a vital relationship with Christ, (2) develop a wholesome Christian personality, and (3) encourage a dedicated personal life.

If the school Jack attends accomplishes, even to a fair degree those aims in his life, his college venture will be well worth whatever it costs—to him and the whole family!

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### Part I.

# Preparing for the Task

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By ALAN REDPATH

HERE is a right way and a wrong way to labor for God.

To enter a business career, to go to the uttermost parts of the world, to enter the ministry, to teach a Sunday school class—or to do any service for God—without regard for His will or without understanding the real principles of Christian service is not only foolish but sinful.

Such a course asserts the individual's right to choose his own path or sphere of service while ignoring the prior claims of the Saviour.

The book of Nehemiah is perhaps the classic of the whole Bible on this important subject of Christian service.

In order to catch the full significance of the book, we need to understand the circumstances in which it was written. You will remember that the Jewish people had been in captivity for seventy years, in Babylon. In the year 530 B.C. the power of the Babylonian Empire was broken by the power of Persia, and the first major act of the Persian king in assuming supremacy was to encourage the Jewish remnant to return to their own country.

Immediately some fifty thousand of them returned to Jerusalem. They set about the task of rebuilding the temple so vital to their worship. Opposed, however, by the people who had settled in Judea during the years of their captivity, and discouraged by the immensity of their task, they presently abandoned the work with only the foundation of the temple rebuilt.

Some sixteen years later, the prophets Haggai and Zechariah challenged the people (who by now had comfortably settled down in their own homes) concerning their neglect of the things of God. Inspired by their ministry, the people took up again the task of reconstruction, and this time completed it.

Sixty more years passed, and another section of the Jewish people returned to Palestine under the leadership of Ezra. His attempt to re-establish the moral and spiritual standards of the people, which had grown very lax, met with much opposition. The result was that 150 years after the people had returned from Babylon the walls of Jerusalem were still in ruins and the people of God were living in reproach and shame.

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At this juncture God raised up the man Nehemiah to match the need of the hour—that of rebuilding the wall and of leading the people back to a place of fellowship with God. The opening chapter of this book tells us of Nehemiah's preparation for his task, his discerning prayer, and his unflinching purpose.

So much for the historical facts. And yet these are only secondary. We are concerned first of all with understanding the spiritual implications of this chapter, for there are immense lessons here for all of us.

You see, there is a wall to be built around the city of your soul, and around your church, and around the whole kingdom of God in all the world. Whichever of these is your primary concern, you will discover that there is no winning without warfare. There is no opportunity without opposition. There is no victory without vigilance. For whenever the people of God say, "Let us arise and build," Satan says, "Let me arise and oppose."

♦ LET us look first at the preparation of Nehemiah for his task. As the king's cupbearer, he held an influential position in the palace. Yet his interests were not in the success of the Persian Empire. His great concern centered in the purpose of God for His people in Jerusalem.

One day, one of Nehemiah's brethren returned from a visit to Jerusalem with the tragic story: "The people are in affliction and in reproach; the wall of the

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# The first of two revealing studies from the book of Nehemiah for all who would be wise in God's service.

city is in ruins, and the gates are burned with fire."

It was one thing for Nehemiah to know this state of affairs in a general way. It was quite another to hear it firsthand and to feel the pressure and burden of it in his own heart. This story of failure set against his own knowledge of God's purpose for His people in Jerusalem changed Nehemiah's whole outlook on life.

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As Nehemiah heard the story, he "sat down and wept, and mourned . . . and fasted, and prayed." Hundreds of people since Nehemiah have found that their life's work for God has begun only when they have wept, mourned, fasted and prayed over the revelation of conditions as they really are.

We can never lighten the load unless first we have felt the pressure of it in our own souls. Never! We can never be used of God to bring blessing until God has opened our eyes and made us see things as they are. Before attempting any service for God, therefore—however obscure or insignificent—we must first of all observe the ruins around us.

Look for example at the appalling lack of Christian teaching in our schools today, at the failure concerning church observance, at the vice which is condoned and even encouraged, at the appalling breakdown in family life and the resultant juvenile delinquency. Perhaps most amazing of all is the comparative indifference of Christian people to these things. Do we have any longing or concern or burden? May God give us that.

Perhaps most of all, as we survey the ruins, we should mourn over the failure of many of us to live lives that reflect Jesus Christ. Jerusalem's walls were in ruins and its gates were burned. To a modern city this means nothing, but God's purpose for Jerusalem was that its walls should be salvation and its gates praise. It was these—the emblems of salvation and praise—that lay in utter ruin.

Is God calling some of us to weep over the tragic ruination of the emblems of salvation and of praise in our lives? A lack of concern for conditions around us is a sure reflection of conditions within our own heart.

What about the wall of separation in your life? What about the wall of Bible study? What about the wall of your walk with God? What about the wall of your own devotional life? What about the wall of your consistent testimony before others? What about the wall of your Christlike life? Are these walls lying in ruin? We must first mourn over them! That is our preparation. That is the beginning of all Christian work.

+ LET us now consider Nehemiah's prayer. Clearly, Nehemiah was a man who fed his soul on the Word of God. His prayer here is cast completely into the mold of God's revelation of Himself, and that kind of prayer can never fail.

You notice that Nehemiah sets the name of God on the one hand, and this man, the king of Persia, on the other. For somehow the first step in Nehemiah's task was to gain the favor of the king, that he might get leave of absence and go to Jerusalem to undertake the job to which God was calling him.

This would be impossible unless God intervened on his behalf. So on the one hand Nehemiah puts the name of the great and terrible God of heaven, and on the other he asks for favor before the face of his king.

Then Nehemiah's prayer proceeded to confession, as he included himself in the sins of his people. He acknowledged that Judah had not obeyed God, and that all their troubles were the results of their own disobedience.

This prayer was rooted in the past. Observe the tenth verse: "These are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand." Nehemiah went back hundreds of years, reminding God of the great deliverance from Egypt, the protection of the blood, the triumphant journey into the land of blessing and victory, of the covenant that God had

given to His people. Nehemiah based all his prayer upon God's past dealings, seeing in them a mirror of all God's future plans.

I want to say, therefore, that if we can only go back to God's past revelation, if we can ground our prayers upon the cross, upon the precious blood of Christ, upon an empty tomb, upon an ascended Lord, we will see in them a mirror reflecting all of God's purposes for the future. May we learn to pray like this!

We do not hear this kind of praying much nowadays. Our prayers are mostly asking God to bless the work, or those that are ill, or to keep us going and plodding along. Ah, but prayer is not merely prattle. It is warfare. Real prayer is rooted in the promises of God and in His covenant. This is the kind of prayer that God answers . . . prayer grounded in the Word, founded on the promises, and rooted in God's past dealings.

→ NEHEMIAH was, furthermore, a man of purpose. "Prosper thy servant this day," he said. Prepared by prayer for all the issues that confronted him that day, he rose from his knees, took a deep breath, and went into the presence of the King. He started the task. Like Moses of old, Nehemiah shut himself away from all his brilliant prospects, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

The principles of Christian service are the same today. We are prepared to serve the Lord only by sacrifice. We are fit for the work of God only when we have wept over it, prayed about it, and then enabled by Him to tackle the job that needs to be done.

May God give to you and to me hearts that bleed, eyes that are wide open to see, minds that are clear to interpret God's will, wills that are obedient, and a purpose that is utterly unflinching.

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE



There it stood at the top
of a long, frightening list
of wedding expenses . . .

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HE list had grown longer by the end of the week. Even then, we hadn't thought of all the necessary items, which was just as well. Had we fully realized the expense involved we might have said "No" instead of "Yes" to a church wedding for our only daughter, Marv.

But the longer the list became, the bigger seemed the item at the top—Father's suit. The wedding dress would cost around fifty dollars if purchased ready-made. Invitations, the bride's cake, Mary's going-away suit, wedding gifts, flowers, clothes for the younger boys, the dress for the mother of the bride could all be scaled downward. But a good, navy blue suit would cost at least fifty dollars, and possibly sixty.

The trouble was, the father of the bride owned no suit which would fit the occasion. The neat browns and grays that were suitable for the high school classroom just wouldn't do. The ushers could rent their outfits, the groom his white jacket. But in our small city there was nothing for Father to rent.

And so Father's wedding suit became a symbol. If we could afford the suit, we'd manage the rest. If we couldn't, there would be no church wedding.

Being ordinary folk, a church wedding was a tremendous undertaking. Oh, we had the simple comforts of life—we owned our home, drove a car. But when a monthly income just covers expenses, and there's no "nest egg" of savings to draw from, any major expense seems like an impossibility. But Mary longed for a church wedding so that all her friends could share the happy occasion. And since we'd lived in the community for many years and Mary was active in her church, a church wedding seemed right and proper for her. There was only one thing to do—make it a matter of prayer.

When I began to pray about the wedding, God seemed to be asking me some probing questions. "Is this what you really want? Are you willing to work and plan and sacrifice for it? Do you want it more than anything else your family

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I considered the questions carefully. I hought of how our Bible class teacher had once explained about prayer. About how easy it is to have the "give me" attitude of a youngster who goes shopping with his mother: "Buy me a color book," "I want a balloon," "I need some crayons," "Buy me this candy," "I like this toy car." The wise mother gives her children a choice: "Which one of these things do you really want me to buy for you today?" So I carefully considered, "Which of these things do we really want?"

"Yes, Lord," I at last decided. "Mary, Daddy, the boys and I all want this wedding most of all."

We would keep it small—just the families and a few close friends. We wanted no debts for the young folks to start with, and not a very big indebtedness for the family. But even a small wedding wouldn't alter some of the major expenses. And of these, Father's suit led all the rest.

The wedding was planned for late summer, and during the winter we began to prepare for the part each of us was to take in the big event. The bride-to-be would plan the wedding—when not busy at school or working in her young people's group or writing letters to her intended. Father would earn the money—he'd need an extra summer job when school was out. I would plan the reception and do most of the shopping—and watch about the expense.

As I began thinking of all there was to be done, I realized how greatly our plans needed the undergirding of prayer. I believed God was interested in the "ordinary" things, and I recalled many times in the past when He had supplied material blessings through prayer. What were the conditions of such prayer?

OF one thing I was certain. Sin must not block the channel. I could not pray fully if we were not honest with our financial dealings with others . . . Tithes came to mind. In our early years we'd never seemed to have the "extra" money needed for generous giving. Then, when our eldest son died, our lives were drastically changed. Our faith in God had increased tremendously. How precious had been the help through the prayers, first of others, then our own.

About that time at a building committee meeting at the church, when the prospect of getting additional room for the Sunday school looked mighty dismal, I thought to say, "I think we should try faith giving in this congregation, instead of another campaign. I used to say that I didn't see how we could give more when we could hardly pay for the codliver oil for the baby. But since experiencing God's help in our time of need I now have faith to believe that if we had given more, God would have supplied all our needs just as well, or even better."

Someone suggested tithing, claiming that the 90 per cent left would go just as far as the 100 per cent had before. This had set us thinking seriously about tithing. Though not demanded of Christians, it appears to be written into the moral law of God, bringing its own rich rewards to the soul.

Quite a few of the church families began to tithe, we with them, and others increased their giving. Within a year's time the church income had nearly doubled. For our part, we lived just as comfortably as before. Besides, it was increasingly evident that there were added blessings—good "buys" came our way too frequently to have just "happened." We began seeking guidance in our spending and developed a more victorious attitude toward material possessions. I was glad we'd already learned that lesson.

Next to consider, "Was this request pleasing to God?" Here also the way appeared to be clear. God had instituted marriage, making the family the building block of society. He wants His children to be happy and to share their joys as well as sorrows. I remembered how Jesus had honored that wedding in Cana

with His Presence and loving aid in their need

Finally, were we willing to work hard for what we so deeply desired, even to the extent of earning the needed extra income? Yes, I was sure we were willing.

So one day I gathered all our needs for Mary's forthcoming wedding into one big bundle, and, as it were, handed it over to God to work out. I told Him each need. "Everything belongs to Thee," I prayed, "and Thou delightest to fill Thy children's cup to overflowing with good things. I now ask Thee to supply all that we need for Mary's wedding . . ." Then I began to wait and listen expectantly for His first answer.

→ In mid-February the best clothing store in our little city advertised a seasonal clearance sale. Right at the bottom of their ad was a big black-lettered "Men's suits—Values to \$60. Sale Price

Wilson and Sons' clearance sales are always colossal. I called my husband's attention to the ad and he was interested. The difficulty, however, was that practically everything on sale would be be sold out by around 11:00 o'clock. My husband couldn't get home from work until past four.

Some undefinable prompting motivated us, when my husband came home the next day at 4:30, to go into town in spite of the extremely remote possibility that a suit would be left. It was nearly 5:00 o'clock when we walked into the clothing store.

The elder Mr. Wilson was relaxing in an armchair in the back, reading the evening newspaper. His son was straightening up stock in preparation for closing time. I glanced at the sale tables and saw that they were bare except for a few extra large size cashmere sweaters.

We were a little hesitant when young Mr. Wilson asked what he could do for

"We came for the sale," I replied as calmly as I could.

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by noon," he replied as he gestured toward the nearly empty tables. "You have to be here early, you know."

Then, to break the awkward silence which followed, he asked, "What did you have in mind, Mr. Johnston?"

At mention of the needed navy blue suit, Mr. Wilson glanced toward a long suit rack near the back of the store. Over the rack hung a sign: "Suits, values up to \$60.00—sale price \$20." Two suits hung conspicuously alone on the rack. One was a smallish dark brown, the other a lovely navy blue.

"What size do you wear?" he asked.

"Size 38."

"That navy's a 39."

"Too big, then," my husband shook his head.

"Try it on," I urged, trying to hide my excitement.

Young Mr. Wilson removed the blue suit from the rack and helped my husband into the coat. It was a perfect fit!

Both men laughed heartily and Mr. Wilson began teasing a bit. After all, the father of the bride had a right to acquire a more mature figure. My own laughter was mingled with relief and thanksgiving.

As Mr. Wilson marked the trouser cuffs he explained about the suit. A customer had wanted to buy it in the morning but he discovered that the coat and trousers were of different shades of blue. The trousers couldn't be located at the time so the suit was put aside. Around 4:30 he had finally located the matching trousers under a coat in the regular stock.

Going home we were rather quiet. Sometimes when God answers our prayers-although we are actually expecting it-it is difficult to talk about. Father's suit was hung in the hallway closet and it served as a constant reminder that our prayers were being an-

Answers to our prayers continued. Dad got a summer job-almost an impossibility in our city where businesses employ as many college boys as possible. Loving hands helped with sewing, baked the big three-tiered bell-topped wedding cake, arranged huge baskets of white gladiolus and pink snapdragons gathered from friends' gardens, made beribboned corsages.

+ THEN the wedding day came. Sitting in the pew dressed in my blue lace dress -discovering its perfect fit in my hardto-find half-size at Mrs. Hill's summer clearance was not the least of our blessings-my heart was full of thanksgiving.

I drank in every precious moment of the ceremony-the girls in their lovely pastel gowns (which they had made themselves), the dainty flower girl strewing rose petals (gathered from our own garden), the flickering candlelight, the

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soft organ music, the beautiful wedding songs, the happy congregation. There were the men in their white jackets, and Charles, already so like a son to our family. Mary, beautiful to my eyes, walking slowly up on the arm of her daddy . . . and the father of the bride looking so well in his new navy blue suit.

A feeling of the sacredness of the occa sion settled over me. Having it this way as a gift from our Father in heaven in answer to our prayers was so much better than if we had had all the money in the world and had not had the joy of depending on Him.

Now the vows were being said. Emotion welled up within me. Mary looked so young. It seemed but yesterday that I had first held this sweet girl-child in

Then the vows Charles was repeating came to my ears . . . "with all my worldly goods I thee endow." A picture of the shiny red convertible which had been in and out of our driveway so often of late flashed into my mind. "All my worldly goods"-the red convertible being the larger portion!

Suddenly I wanted to laugh instead of cry. The tension was broken. I wasn't worried. Charles had an education and skill. He and Mary were willing to work hard, and they had their faith in Christ Everything would be all right. For Mary I knew that Father's suit for her wedding would ever be a symbol of how the Lord would supply throughout her life-EN according to her faith.

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### A Letter from a Troubled Young Man

MEVERAL weeks ago I received a letter from a young student in Pennsylvania-whose name and address I do not wish to divulge-that seemed so sincere and urgent that I took considerable time in replying to it. In spite of the fact that another personal letter is used in these columns this month, I am taking the liberty of quoting my young friend's letter in its entirety, and my initial reply, which dealt with some of the questions (the remainder will be answered before this issue goes to press) knowing that many parents and teachers of young people today are being asked these or similar questions.

"I am a young man who was saved three years ago and am planning to study for the ministry as soon as I graduate from high school. (I am a senior.) Since I read a great deal, I have come in contact with the writings of many critics of Christianity and the Bible. Some of the assertions of these men have caused me to be very perplexed. I cannot be at my best spiritually to serve my Lord until my doubts are resolved and settled. I am writing to you in the hope that you can clear up my difficulties, and I sincerely hope that I am not imposing too much on your (I am sure) already busy schedule

looking "Almost all my problems center around the Bible. The recent controversy concerning the Dead Sea Scrolls is included in this. Many scholars seem to think that the covenanters were influenced by Persian religion and through them certain ideas (angels, demons, hell, a great many eschatological beliefs, and so on) were passed on to Christianity. Now, Christianity is unique because of Christ, but if the Bible is full of beliefs that were passed on from other sources, faith in Christ is almost smothered by pagan doctrines, since in the Bible alone can we find Christ. To be sure, H. G. Wells claims orthodox Christianity to be more pagan than not in his well known book, Outline of History. Infiltration of Persian thought into the Jewish and Christian Scriptures and the effect, if any, of the mystery religions on Christianity has always been an unresolved doubt in my mind.

"Also, I was always under the impression that our present Old Testament was the accepted canon at the time of Christ, and that the Old Testament apocryphal books were given no authority at all. Burrows insinuates that this was not the case at all, and that Christ and the early Christians generally accepted these books as Scripture. What can I believe as the true and authoritative Word of God?

ead of "In the New Testament, the book of James has been troublesome to me. The fact that James uses similar terminology with the Dead Sea documents and the fact that Christ is not given a prominent place in the book has led me into doubt and has kept me from laying hold of some of the valuable promises in

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"Perhaps what I have written so far will lead you to doubt that I have any faith at all in the Bible. This is not true. So far, I have been walking entirely by faith, using the Bible and studying it as the inspired Word of God. But the time has come when I must walk a little by sight in order to be completely convinced in my mind that the Bible is God's Word. Oh that I could be as completely convinced as was Torrey!

"I trust that you will be able to answer my letter in such a way as to remove any doubts. Please pray for me."

In reply to the above letter I wrote as follows:

"I have before me your very interesting letter, and rejoice that God has called you into the glorious ministry of His Word. All young men at some time have had to face this problem of absolute confidence in the Word of God. Your letter reminds me of a statement I once read concerning the question which John the Baptist, when in prison, sent to Jesus, as to whether or not He was the One who should come. It was Stalker, I think, who said that there was one commendable factor in such a question to begin with: John did express himself, and did not simply harbor doubt in his own heart. I am glad that you have written out your problems. Your questions will have to be considered one by one, and you may regard this letter as only the first in a series; others will follow.

"Let me first go to the middle of your letter, to your statement regarding the Epistle of James; 'Christ is not given a prominent place in the book,' a fact which you say has led you into doubt. Now, my friend, I am sure that this difficulty has come to you from the outside-something you have read has suggested this. Am I not right? The one who presented the problem was not quite fair. It is true that the Epistle of James is not a doctrinal presentation of some major area of Christology; but who are we to say that it should be? First of all, we must not forget that this book was written by no less a person that the brother of our Lord. And note what James does in the very first verse-he equates Jesus Christ with God, and says that he, James, is a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the opening verse of Chapter 2, he speaks of the Christian truth as 'the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.' One cannot ask for a higher Christology than

"Toward the end of the Epistle (5:7, 8) James speaks twice of 'the coming of the Lord,' and in verses 14 and 15 of the same chapter, 'the Lord' probably refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, there is no question about the deity, the incarnation and the second coming of Christ in this Epistle, written to deal with practical matters. Who are we to say how much Christology must be included in any given epistle? We should not demand that the New Testament writers conform to rules that we set down; rather, let us conform our thinking to what

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You will agree with this, I am sure.

"I note your remark at the beginning of your letter that you have 'come in contact with the writings of many critics of Christianity and the Bible.' May I ask. my friend, if you are reading as extensively and seriously the writings of the defenders of the Christian faith and the Word of God as those of the critics. You must balance your reading. A real help to you would be the magnificent new commentary published by the Inter-Varsity Fellowship in London, a monument of conservative scholarship; and Young's Introduction to the Old Testament. I will mention other works as I go along.

"You refer to H. G. Wells. Wells was no critic of ancient literature and his name has no authority in this area of investigation. He was an immoral man, an atheist, and his volume, Experiment with Autobiography, contains blasphemous references to the virgin birth and other sacred truths of the New Testament. He was a man without hope, and when the first atomic bomb fell, he wrote a small volume entitled Mind at the End of Its Tether, a shriek of hopelessness-and with that he died. Wells was a brilliant writer, but not one who could throw any light upon the problems of the Bible and the Christian faith."

My communication was graciously acknowledged as follows:

" . . . Thank you for your help and understanding. Everything that you have written thus far has been especially helpful in clearing up my problems. I am grateful that you were able to find time to write to me, and I thank the Lord that there are men such as you in His service. You cannot know what your correspondence has meant, and will mean to me."

#### "I Have Written unto You, Young Men"

LL who have endured reading my literary efforts of the last twenty years will agree, I think, that almost never have I made reference to members of my family, especially my greatly beloved father, known to many across the land, and my wonderfully gifted mother, who has been in glory now for many years. I should here like to break this silence.

they have given us, by divine revelation. This month there has come to my desk a letter from a gentleman in Chicago who, with his now-deceased brother, was sometimes entertained at dinner by my parents, then recently married, at their humble home at 77 Walton Place, Chicago. (My father was then on a salary of twelve dollars a week!) Enclosed in this communication was a letter which my mother, who wrote letters to missionaries and other Christians around the world for many years, had written to his brother Karl, dated September 12, 1893, the year before I was born.

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The letter, written to a young man seventeen years of age, is so direct and reveals such a personal burden for the spiritual welfare of another-a communication the like of which one seldom sees today-that I think it may still prove a blessing to a new generation living in a world altogether different from that of 1893. I need not comment further, except to say that anyone with a mother like this begins life with assets which neither money, nor education, nor travel can ever bestow.

"Dear Karl: I want to have a quiet little talk with you on paper in regard to your own life, its possibilities, temptations, etc., and how to meet them. First, as to its possibilities: life lies before you and you have a clean record behind you which is a great blessing to you. There are no bad habits to be broken, no stains on your character. The thing for you to strive for now, as you are leaving your boyhood behind you and entering upon young manhood, is to keep your life clean. You can only do this with the help of that young Man 'who did no sin.' Karl, I know you are acquainted with His life, how He resisted sin in every form, what a noble life He led and that He left us an example worthy of our following. Have you made a firm decision that you will not only accept Him as your Saviour but live with His help a life as near like His as possible? If not, will you not do so at once? There is danger in delay.

"This is the most important step to take, and the only one that will bring to you success in life, success in its highest meaning. 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' Putting the settlement of this question aside to await a 'more convenient season' means ruin and

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sorrow. Karl, make your decision now, as you read this letter. Stop and consider the cost of being a Christian as well as of not being one. 'It costs dearly to be a Christian, but, thank God, it pays. Count the cost. But I warn you tenderly it will cost infinitely more to live and die a sinner.' May you decide this very hour to be a true soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"It is an honor for you to enlist under such a Captain, and when once in this army keep near your Captain, for that is the safest place. Do not think that because you make a decision to 'stand up for Jesus' that you will be free from temptations. They will come upon you many times, but remember, 'God is faithful, who will not suffer to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.' There is no sin in being tempted. The sin is in yielding.

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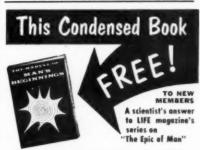
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"Two things are necessary in order to live a Christian life, prayer and the study of God's Word. Do not neglect either of these for a day. It will hinder your Christian growth and I am sure you want to be a growing Christian. Another thing in which you must use great care is in the choice of your friends. Let your best friend be Jesus Christ and have no friendships that you cannot take Him into partnership with. If some associate has an evil influence over you and you feel a worse instead of a better man after talking with him, drop that friendship at once. It is dangerous.

"Now, Karl, I know you will accept this letter as a token of my friendship and great desire for your eternal as well as earthly happiness. It may be a struggle for you to make the right decision, but don't let Satan get the victory. Conquer him and gain the victory by Jesus' help. Christ is watching the struggle and He will give you grace to conquer. With an earnest prayer for your immediate and final decision."



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#### A Personal Word

A cannot postpone any longer saying a word about correspondence, which is now becoming a serious problem. I would estimate that between five and six hundred letters a year come to my desk deriving from this department, almost all of which contain inquiries. Of course I am glad to know that these pages are so widely read.

Correspondence is a sacred matter, and I reply to, or at least acknowledge, all mail that comes to my desk, with three exceptions: anonymous letters, of which there are very few, and they go into the wastebasket immediately; communications in which the address has been unintentionally omitted; and long letters which set forth in bitter language some peculiar interpretation of the Scriptures, where a reply would really do no good. Letters of inquiry demand time for consideration, and sometimes require investigation; in addition, there is the time involved in dictation and reading the letter after it has been typed.

While I am always glad to be of any help within reason to serious students across the country and on the other side of the water, perhaps it is now time to suggest to my readers that there are some queries which I cannot take time to consider:

(1) It is not possible for me to read pamphlet literature and pass criticism upon it. Criticism is worth nothing unless it is based on very careful reading, and there are hundreds of pamphlets to which I shall never be able to give attention

(2) I do not take orders for books, even my own. Such orders should be given to local booksellers

(3) I do not have intimate acquaintance with literature written for children, and cannot make suggestions along this line.

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(5) I will not enter into any discussion of personal domestic problems. Those seeking counsel in these matters should consult their pastor or some other godly person in the immediate community.

(6) It is not possible for me to fill in questionnaires listing twenty or thirty questions on certain religious movements in this country, etc. It takes an hour to read such forms, and a half-day to answer them—time is too precious for that.

(7) Most of all, it is simply impossible for me to construct bibliographies for others. The requests of this nature coming to my desk are amazing. Many men about to begin work on doctoral theses in well-known institutions write asking for lists of important books on the

themes they are investigating! A communication here before me now asks for a list of the principal works in six areas of theology, and another, from a distinguished Christian leader, requests a bibliography of major works on the first eleven chapters of Genesis. To construct an adequate bibliography for those eleven chapters would take one full week, eight hours a day.

I have often wondered if it is worth while taking time to answer all these letters—I hope it is. However, my experience, which is no different from that of any other man with a heavy correspondence, is that nineteen out of twenty letters written in response to inquiries are never even acknowledged after they are received. I repeat—I get one letter of thanks out of perhaps twenty letters of information sent out. I am not asking for mail, but do think that we all need to revive our Christian courtesy.

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Two groups of people can depend upon an answer from me at once, to the best of my ability. These are ministers who are earnest students of the Word of God and who live in small towns where they do not have access to large libraries, and missionaries anywhere in the world. These are the men whose shoe latchet we are not worthy to unloose.

Having said this, I do want to emphasize my earlier statement, that I do want to be of help, and do not want to suggest that I am too busy to answer mail. I learned a lesson in this regard many years ago. In my early 20's, and a total stranger to him, of course, I addressed a letter to the great Dr. Warfield of Princeton Seminary asking if he could give me any light on the question of the antiquity of man in relation to the genealogies of the Book of Genesis. (What a question!) He sent me, an obscure minister in a little church in Maryland, four handwritten pages and an offprint of an article of his on the subject -and he, the outstanding Calvinist theologian of the twentieth century who had more demands upon his time than any of us will ever have.

#### More About Sinai

The winter edition of the periodical, The Jews in the News, carried an article, "Sinai Area Has Untold Riches," two paragraphs of which contained information—good and bad—previously unknown to me, and to perhaps many of my readers. I simply quote these paragraphs, without comment:

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"The Egyptians held the Sinai peninsula for many years and yet they have not even scratched the surface of its mineral, agricultural and other riches. Although they get some \$25 million worth of oil, manganese, and gold from Sinai's western coast each year, it is, nevertheless, meager compared to what the Israelis could get from it. To begin with, Sinai is rich with oil. There is also uranium, copper, phosphates, silver, precious gems, alabaster, aluminum clay, first-grade marble, and much more manganese than the Egyptians are aware of. There are no official estimates, but preliminary surveys carried out by geologists attached to the Israeli forces tell of rich copper veins visible to the naked eye en route to Mount Sinai, with no deep mining necessary."

#### The Bible in the Library of the British Museum

If there is one area of knowledge in which I thought I had at least a fair amount of knowledge, it is libraries and the various classifications of books, but perhaps I have been deceiving myself in this. Only recently I came upon a fundamental fact in library classification which had not come to my attention previously. In a single sentence, it is this: The classification for the greatest collection of books in the whole world, the library of the British Museum, begins with the Bible. The astonishing thing about this is that such a system was introduced by a man who himself was not a believer, Mr. Richard Garnett (1835-1906). Beginning his career in the British Museum when only sixteen years of age, he ultimately became Keeper of Printed Books in that institution, and when the printing of the massive general catalogue was begun in 1881, he was given control of the entire project.

In the Transactions and Proceedings of the Conference of Librarians held in London, October, 1877, Garnett has a scholarly article on the system of classifying books on the shelves followed at the British Museum (pp. 108-114). My attention was directed to this article by a reference in the interesting book by John L. Thornton, A Mirror for Librarians (1848). Following is a part of Mr. Garnett's statement on the cataloguing of this library-and remember, he was not a believer in Biblical relevation:



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#### ON MEETING OPPOSITION

Sooner or later, wherever there is a real work for God, there is bound to be opposition. And how is it to be met?

The book of Nehemiah has several answers to this question which Christians need today. Alan Redpath points them out next month in a second and con-cluding article on "Victorious Christian Service."

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## OFF the RECORD

by bill pearce

As regular readers of this feature may have noticed, the one significant omission in "Off the Record" since it first appeared a year ago has been reviews of the records in which our reviewer himself is heard. To remedy this we have found it a privilege to present this special column by Paul Mickelson. Director of RCA's religious record department and a member of the American Guild of Organists, Mr. Mickelson is perhaps best known as organist for the Billy Graham evangelistic team. His sacred orchestrations for RCA have been widely acclaimed.-The Editors



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The first time I heard the vocal blend of Bill Pearce and Dick Anthony on record was in London, on a cold, foggy day during our first Billy Graham Crusade in England. We of the Billy Graham team

were listening to their first album (Singtime 10" LP LST-500) when it was hot off the press. We found this first compilation of the Pearce-Anthony duo to contain eight exceptionally satisfying gospel songs, three of which are from the pen of John Peterson. With one or two exceptions, I can heartily recommena this LP for your listening pleasure.

Their duet, It Took a Miracle, is meticulously phrased, as are all of their duets. It is backed with an ethereal soprano obbligato, organ and harp. Bill Pearce's solo rendition of No One Understands Like Jesus is sung with a devotion that plumbs the emotional depths. Dick Anthony also does a beautiful job on the solo of Follow, I Will Follow Thee. To some listeners, however, the background on this number may seem a bit overdone. Also, I feel that the vocal group backing Pearce and Anthony throughout the album is not always accurate with its intonation.

Besides the numbers mentioned above, the album contains, They Are Nailed to the Cross, Over the Sunset Mountain, In the Garden, Day by Day and Wondrous Love. After hearing this LP, I think you will agree that there is no finer blending of two male voices in gospel circles today.

Word Records, headed by my good friend Jarrell McCracken, has recently released the Pearce-Anthony duo in high fidelity, which brings us to the second album to be reviewed this month-Word Record W3012-LP. This disk is distinguished for smoothness, beauty of tone and superb engineering. Day by Day is done by Bill Pearce as a trombone solo with backing by piano and voices (used like instruments-no words-open vowel sounds).

Having played the trombone myself, I can appreciate the fine technique Pearce exercises here. He plays the trombone with the nobility of a French horn, and yet with the sweetness so characteristic

of good trombone playing. I understand that Bill was once solo trombonist with Bob Crosby's band.

Day by Day was done by the multiple recording method (such as Les Paul and others have done). Thus, all five parts that you hear toward the end of the number are actually played by Bill himself. It would be nice to hear more of this type of recording in the future.

Another outstanding number in this album is one of our most beautiful hymns, Beneath the Cross, which Dick Anthony phrases most sensitively. He interprets with a freedom that is controlled by the finest of taste. Listen for the 'cello obbligato on this one. Someday When the Shadows Flee Away (a duet with choir) introduces us to some nice flute and harp arpeggios. Also among the twelve numbers in this album are, Jesus, I Come; I Need Thee Every Hour and In Times Like These. The vocal backing in this album, without exception, is par excellence. I understand, incidentally, that we owe these lovely arrangements to Dick Anthony.

One of the finest quartets I have heard for some time is the Melody Four, made up of A. Clair Hess, Glenn Jorian, Ray Felton and Bill Pearce. You can hear them perform eight choice selections on the Singtime label LPS 1200, a ten-inch LP.

It would be hard to pick the most outstanding number of this set. Gordon Hooker's Breath of Calvary with just a simple vibraharp accompaniment and the old standard, Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, are superbly done. There is a nice change of pace in this album from the slower type just mentioned to the sparkling rhythms of Drinking at the Springs of Living Water and Faith Is the Victory. Accompaniments are provided by Dick Anthony and Gil Mead who offer excellent support to the vocalists. All of these fellows are familiar names around the gospel station WMBI, and are gaining a reputation throughout the country via their recordings.

I have thoroughly enjoyed sitting in this month for record editor Bill Pearce. Although I have not had the privilege of meeting any of the artists reviewed here, I feel that I know them through these records. May you be drawn closer to our wonderful Lord through listening to these religious records.

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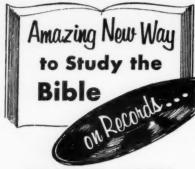
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There suddenly appeared a man upon the human scene, sent off as an ambassador from God's presence, his name, John. This man came as a witness in order that he might bear testimony concerning the light, to the end that all might believe through his intermediate agency. That man was not the light. But he came in order that he might bear witness concerning the light.

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And the Word, entering a new mode of existence, became flesh and lived in a tent among us. And we gazed with attentive and careful regard and spiritual perception at His glory, a glory such as that of a uniquely begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth

John is constantly bearing witness concerning Him and calls out aloud, saying, This One is He concerning whom I said, The One who comes after me was in existence before me because He preceded me, for out of His fulness as a source we all received, and grace in exchange for grace. Because the law through the intermediate agency of Moses was given, the aforementioned grace and the truth came through Jesus Christ. Absolute deity in its essence no one has ever yet seen. God uniquely begotten, He who is in the bosom of the Father, that One fully explained deity. (John 1:1-18)



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By Richard K. Curtis

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There at the "Y" Moody made his home for two years with a couple dozen other fellows who clerked in the Boston stores as Dwight did at his Uncle Samuel's shoe store. As a matter of fact, Boston's "Y" was just three years old when Moody joined, and the movement itself had begun in London a bare ten years before.

It had had its beginning in 1844 in the concern of two other clerks for young workers caught in the turmoil of the industrial revolution. While this early Young Men's Christian Association embraced no formal religious creed, it was a lay movement with evangelical warmth and purpose.

Other YMCA's sprang up all over America, product of the successive waves of revivals that rolled over the continent from 1840 to 1900. Chicago's "Y" was born in 1853 in the midst of the revival of ex-lawyer Charles Finney. But if it came into being as a result of Finney's preaching, it found new life and vigor as a result of Moody's interest and zeal.

In 1858 Moody found the Chicago noonday prayer meetings sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association struggling for bare survival as a group of older men. Under twenty-one-year-old Moody's impetus, younger men began to step up into harness, and Metropolitan Hall became crowded from platform to gallery with several hundred noontime intercessors. Many of them Moody himself enlisted from the sidewalks during the noon hour.

Young Moody was both enthusiastic and original, and in a few years the meetings became widely known. As strangers visited, Moody would grip each by hand in greeting, later perhaps calling on them from the platfown. "You, brother, over there by the first window," he might say, "do you love the Lord and have



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In another minute Moody might call out, "That red-haired man on the back seat, are you a Christian?" After a few words from him, Moody would get his name and address in his little book, and would assure him he was now an old member entitled to get right to work and bring in others.

→ In 1861 Moody gave up selling shoes to give his full time to work for the Lord. For many months his bed was the hard top of the Hall benches, his fare bread, cheese and water. But Moody was happy to be busy in the work so near to his heart.

From 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. it was Moody's custom to commune with God in a little closet in the Hall. Then for fifteen minutes he would descend to the "valley," and enlist as many passersby as possible for the noon meeting. As the clock struck twelve, he would bound up the stairs four at a time, up onto the platform and call out the opening hymn. Indeed, says George T. B. Davis, these noonday prayer meetings soon became the model from which nearly all others throughout the Christian world took their cue.

According to C. Howard Hopkins in his History of the YMCA in North America, "The principal contribution to the growing movement by the Chicago association was Moody himself, who found his career in its service."

Indeed, one history published in 1913, looking back over fifty-five years of association growth, states: "It would be impossible to estimate Moody's usefulness to the association, or to catalogue the details of his successful work. The association claims him as its greatest single champion, and honors him for the work that he did while here not less than for the work for the world's evangelization which he afterward pursued with success."

Much of Moody's beginning ministry stemmed from his association with the YMCA. In 1858 the "Y" appointed him

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chairman of its visitation committee. Stories are well known of how he filled his pockets with candy, a saddle bag with new shoes, and rode "the miserable lanes and alleys of the North Side, a bevy of ragged children hanging to his saddle."

Three years later, with the outbreak of the Civil War, Moody became chairman of the Chicago "Y" 's devotional committee. He began by holding prayer meetings at Camp Douglas, where he erected the first Army chapel ever to be built. Before the war was over he had made nine trips to the front lines.

By spring of 1866 Moody had become president of the Chicago "Y." A year later he dedicated Farwell Hall, the first "Y" building to be erected solely for association purposes. It cost \$100,000 and seated 3,000, and in a matter of weeks burned to the ground. But before the ruins had stopped smoldering, Moody had started a campaign for a new building. Farwell Hall II burned in the Chicago fire of 1871, and Moody saw still a third one go up. Although the first building housed both a dormitory and a gymnasium, the second and third both concentrated on the evangelistic and welfare purposes of the association, with large auditoriums destined to see much use.

Moody's enthusiastic advocating of evangelism as the main function of the "Y." however, was not always met with like enthusiasm. In fact, so vigorous was the antagonism to his proposal of evangelism in 1866 at the International YMCA Convention in Albany, N.Y., that Moody took it as a personal affront. Nevertheless, when he went to England the following year, uppermost in his mind was his desire to meet George Williams, the founder of the YMCA. And when he returned to England in

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+ THE women's counterpart of the YMCA also had its roots inseparably entwined with the ministry of Moody. Lord Arthur and Lady Kinnaird, two of Moody's most faithful workers in his great London campaign of 1875, inspired by Moody's preaching and working with the London "Y," felt the need of a counterpart to reach the young women of the city.

Lady Kinnaird established a home in London to serve temporarily the young women who, to the consternation of their parents, were following Florence Nightingale across Europe to nurse British soldiers wounded in the Crimean war. The war over, the home was turned over to young women coming up from the provinces to work in the city.

Other homes were established across the city, conducting Bible classes and evangelistic meetings, as well as educational classes, social activities and employment agencies. Other cities followed suit, and soon boarding homes, restaurants, employment agencies, travelers' aid, libraries and clubs had sprung up under the impetus of Lady Kinnaird's leadership. In 1876 or 1877, this effort was combined with an organization of Prayer Unions and became known as the London Young Women's Institute Union and Christian Association, later abbreviated to YWCA.

Not only was the evangelistic fire of Moody's preaching indirectly responsible for establishing this new association, through the efforts of Lady Kinnaird, and also for recruiting early leadership, but it later served to fire the hearts of evangelicals on the other side of the Atlantic. In the U.S., as in England, Moody worked not only to provide for the physical needs of young people but. much more important in his eyes, to point them to the Lamb of God.

Although the evangelical emphasis in both these movements has waned, their earlier ministry in this direction was unquestionably effective and sometimes has been lost sight of by some who know only the contemporary organizations.

+ ANOTHER movement which in the late nineteenth century was touched off to revival by Moody's early days of ministry was the Sunday school. At the Illinois Sunday School Convention in Springfield, 1864, Moody arrived, "fresh from the labors and scenes of the 'Christian Commission' at the front among the Boys in Blue." He was in "no mood for dawdling over religious 'red tape'." The evening before the opening service, the twenty-seven-year-old remonstrated, "This thing so far has been a dead



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failure; we must do something to give it power."

"Beginning with a prayer meeting where perhaps half a dozen were present," recounts Simeon Gilbert in his book on the Sunday school lesson system, another movement materially aided by Moody's drive, "within a day or two the whole city was moved. A profound and intense spiritual enthusiasm was awakened. A revival began on the spot. The spirit of the meeting spread all over the state as the delegates went back to their homes. More than ten thousand conversions in connection with the Sunday schools of the state were reported the following year. Mr. Moody was then, as he has been ever since, and everywhere, the 'torch among the sheaves of wheat' . . . affecting all who came within the scope of his influence."

That Dwight L. Moody had much to do with the pervasive Sunday school revival is evident in a summary of his activities.

First, he was founder of the second largest Sunday school in the country in his day.

Second, he traveled through the midwest, reviving not only Sunday schools individually, but whole conventions.

Third, he gathered about him other giants in the Sunday school movement, men like Vincent, Jacobs, Eggleston and Tying.

Fourth, he continued to emphasize the Sunday school, even after his fame as an evangelist spread across the world, so that special days of his campaigns were devoted to services for Sunday school teachers and officers.

Lastly, Moody consented to speak from time to time to Sunday school conventions convening later, during the rush of his campaign activities. He was never too busy for one of his first loves, the organization upon which he cut his eye teeth of evangelism.

The secret behind the power manifest in the many facets of Dwight L. Moody's more than forty years of gospel ministry is revealed in an account of an incident which happened during one of the many Sunday school conventions he attended.

"At one of our state conventions," so went an official report in 1905, "the power of God was especially manifest. We wondered thereat, until we learned that the evening before the convention met Moody had climbed into a window of the big wooden wigwam built for the occasion, and on his knees and face had wrestled there for hours for the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. Is it strange that under such leaders the prairies were soon aflame with that rare fire which of old was kindled from the coal off the altar of the Highest?"

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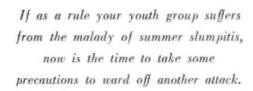
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## Prescription for Slumping Summer Programs

By Hazel Goddard





Some young people think June ushers in three months of freedom from responsibilities; alert youth leaders see the summer as a golden opportunity to corral interest. Luoma photo

Tr was a typical youth committee meeting. Several young leaders and a cou-

ple of older sponsors had gathered in a home to make some big decisions about the youth program. Each one had that "what to do about it" frown as they discussed possible summer plans for their group.

For a while vexing questions were batted back and forth.

"Who will sponsor the group through the summer months?"

"How can we keep interest alive?"

At last someone asked apathetically,
"Will there actually be very many young

people around?"

The final decision was to recommend that the group "take a vacation" for the summer months. But before that, they would plan one big outing so that sufficient interest would be aroused to hold over until the fall program began.

→ That is one answer to the "summer slump" problem in youth groups. If you are impressed with that solution, it will mean less work for all concerned. Your leaders will have more time for other summer activities and the "rest" might spark your group for a real live-wire fall program.

But perhaps that way out does not satisfy you. You are making a real effort to do a job with your young people. You realize that these young folk do not cease to grow in the summer. They will be doing something. And if that is not done with their church buddies, it will be done with others who possibly are

less desirable. You want your influence to continue right on through the summer months.

Nevertheless, you do have a summer problem and you will have to face it squarely. You will need to come up with a program that will have your young people looking forward to the summer months. And that will take prayer, plans and hard work.

What makes summer such a problem? There are several factors. Let's pinpoint a few.

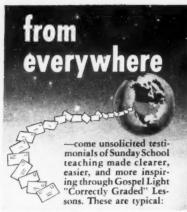
First, it's vacation time, and the vacation idea has a psychological effect. Young people feel that June ushers in three months of freedom from responsibilities as well as from school.

It is a time of general exodus. Many young people go away to camp or on trips. Some are gone for the whole summer, others for a week of two at a time Quite often it is the more active young people who are away, and their participation is missed.

Some spend the school vacation working. Between their work and vacation pleasures they think they would not have time to devote to youth activities.

Sponsors also go on vacation, leaving the young people leaderless. In fact, often a summer slump in the whole church program has a bad effect on the youth group.

+ The case then is hopeless? Not if you remember that some of your top-notch young people of a year or so ago will be coming back on the scene. Many college



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students return home in the summer to take advantage of cheaper living at home and to get summer jobs. So far as Christian fellowship goes, they will be at "loose ends." Put them to work. Here's a natural for talent and leadership for your young people, and like as not the students will welcome the opportunity to work with the home group.

We cannot expect sponsors who have worked faithfully with the group all year to forgo a well earned and needed vacation. But before they go a substitute leader should be prepared to take over, and the promise of a snappy summer program publicized.

Possibly one of the college fellows or girls is a natural leader, or has been training for youth work. Doubtless such a person would be glad to get the practical leadership experience of working with your group for the summer months.

Or, lacking a leader from among the college students, most any church would have some qualified person or persons

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L Youth Program for Summer

who would be willing to head the college group and guide their enthusiasm. It would even pay off in big dividends to hire a youth worker especially for the summer.

→ Some churches have caught this idea and have found that it not only works, but results are away above expectations. Taking advantage of the "home from college" talent, one group held special summer sessions in soul-winning and song leading. Advance planning went something like this:

"Johnny Jones will be home from college to work with us for the summer and is willing to pass along what he has learned about soul-winning—"

"Dick with his musical training can do the same in song-leading!"

"Okay, we can combine the two . . ."
That is just what developed. Before long this group was going out on Saturday nights to conduct street meetings, and some of them had their first real taste of witnessing.

In a church where the summer slump had such a hold that the mid-week prayer meeting was discontinued, and finally the evening services dropped for the summer, a live program in the youth group actually revived the older people of the church. Here a young couple, concerned about what they saw happening in their church, went to work on the youth group.

They interested the young people in inviting men at the armed forces base near their city to their meetings. This of course necessitated a lively, well-planned service. Soon two station wagons were going out each Sunday evening to bring the men in. The spirit caught on, and before the summer was over Sunday



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buses and took their crowd to places
where they had never been. Many of
these were at points of interest some distance from home. These occasions were
ideal for inviting the unsaved and
strangers, and this group found that it
had better attendance in the summer
than it had had the previous fall and
winter.

While social times do much to cement the group, in this type of program the spiritual emphasis should be given top priority in the planning. It is possible to gain the reputation of being a successful youth group because numbers are large and the interest at a high level and still fail to give individuals spiritual help of the means of growth.

Whatever the type of activities they are planning for the summer, most leaders have found that their young people respond best to a program when they have helped to plan it. In one case a mimeographed questionnaire was given each member.

"What do you enjoy most in our youth discussions?" was asked. This was followed by, "What didn't you like?" And "Why?"

Trying to get at basic values, they next asked, "What do you consider the greatest weaknesses of our youth group?" And, "What remedy would you suggest?"

Finally, to give the young people an opportunity to share in the preparation, and to whet their interest as well, they asked, "What topics would you like discussed in our Special Summer Seminar?"

Names were not signed to the sheets, but each one was evaluated carefully, and the committee derived real help in planning the summer activities.

Programs like these are effective because young people want to be active. All they need is someone to tell them what to do. The summer need not bring a slump. It can be a time when your group can reach new heights if you plan your summer activities in terms of preparation for a bigger program in the fall.

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A boy is thrilled to be asked to hand out literature or perform other special tasks.

CHILDREN like to be entrusted with responsibility. Many small but time-consuming duties connected with the maintenance of the church could be delegated to youngsters with results beneficial to both the child and the church.

Probably every church has one or more "problem children" who can't sit still throughout a church service. Ours was a boy named Bill. His parents sat in the second row from the front, right near the pulpit. Even tho. In they nudged the boy from time to time and frowned at him again and again and whispered to him to keep quiet and sit still, he was a great distraction to those around him. He would drop a hymnal several times, rattle papers and would squirm about on the seat almost continuously. Then we asked him to be one of our youthful custodians.

After the morning service he was to gather the bulletins that were left in the pews, and get others ready for the evening service. That included picking up those that had fallen to the floor, discarding those that were torn or crumpled and getting fresh ones ready to be distributed.

Bill took to the idea from the first and could hardly wait for the service to end so that he could begin his job. His general behavior improved at once. When he had finished arranging the bulletins that first Sunday, they were in neat rows in the proper place. He was helping to run the church! He was one of the pastor's helpers and it was easy to see that he intended to be a good one.

Bill's parents had been in the habit of leaving after Sunday school about once a month to visit distant relatives. Bill soon objected to that practice and they agreed to wait until after he had attended to his duties after the morning church service.

The same idea was used with another lad who was asked to keep the hymnals in good order. Usually some were left lying on the seats or even on the floor and others returned to the racks in a careless manner. It was this boy's responsibility to arrange them in an orderly way.

Two other boys were given the task of collecting the hymn books in the balcony of the Sunday school room. Then two girls asked for the privilege to do the same thing downstairs. The boys gathered the books upstairs and piled them at the end of the pew in each class; the girls did the same in the main room and placed them in the cupboard.

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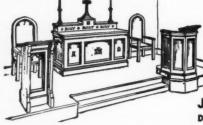
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This interest lasted for several years. Even after they seemed too old for such menial tasks some insisted on continuing. Then as they completely outgrew their jobs they were promoted to new responsibilities more in keeping with their age.

Bill, for example, being mechanicallyminded, was put in charge of the mimeograph. Again he was dependable and always on hand at the appointed time to print bulletins as well as congregational letters and circulars. Other boys became ushers. Some of the girls went to the nursery to help care for small children during the church service.

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Our youthful custodian plan had both immediate and far-reaching effects. Immediately, it kept a large group of children coming to church who might otherwise have dropped out. They became active in the various organizations and interest continued at high level until the boys were called into military service. Then the girls took over the work the boys had done. We believe the memories of the pleasant duties our youthful custodians performed carried over and were partly responsible for bringing our boys back to the church when the war was over.

We moved away from the community and haven't seen any of these young people for more than ten years—except Bill. One night recently our doorbell rang later than usual. It was Bill and he had a smiling girl with him. They were on their honeymoon, he said. They had driven many miles out of their way so that Bill could introduce his bride to his old pastor and his wife.

"This is the pastor who gave me some important jobs to do when I was a boy," he introduced me to his bride.

The girl nodded. "I've heard a great many things about those days and how important Bill thought he was in helping to run the church." she said.

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## A Mystery Dinner

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AVE you ever eaten a jello dessert with a knife accompanied by a glass of water and a toothpick? It could happen at a "mystery dinner." This is the kind of party which really clicks with the high school and college age young people. (And I wouldn't be surprised if older people liked it too!)

The idea is to present the menu in terms which will stir the imagination. The fun comes when each person is served the combination he ordered from individual menus. In the kitchen the orders are filled according to the menu key posted there. Each course must be eaten as it is served with no holding over permitted. Except in very large groups, persons should be served separately so everyone can get in on the laughs.

Take Dick, for instance. He has studied the menu which offers many mysterious sounding items. From this he has chosen a first course of Morning Glory Special and Leaf Greens, served with a Plow. Sounds good, doesn't it? But imagine Dick's red face when he is served with toothpick, water and fork!

Dick will eventually get all the items on the menu in later courses-according to the combinations he chose But if his dessert should come before the meat and potatoes, he must eat that course first.

You can use any menu which is easy to serve to a crowd, and give the items any fancy names you wish-the more unlikely sounding the better.\* Both the food and names can be adapted to the various seasons. This is the way the menu key in the kitchen read when Dick was served: Weed Wedge (meat loaf), Black-eyed Susans (scalloped potatoes), Daffy Delight (salad), Rose Buds (rolls or bread), Cauliflower Ears (beverage),

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Billed along with the mystery dinner should be mystery music and a mystery speaker. Be sure to plan this devotional part of the evening to be just as special as the dinner, and your mystery evening will turn out to be "a peach" of a time.

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TODUNA sobbed hopelessly as she stumbled away from her mother's sharp blows and wandered dismally in the kraal between the rows of grass huts. Fat baby Bombola whimpered as he swung from the blanket at her back. Her mother's shrill voice still rang in her ears.

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'Get out of here! You've brought nothing but trouble on your kraal, you child of evil!"

Noduna knew there was no hope

for her. She was accursed because she had been born a twin.

Still sobbing, Noduna hitched the baby higher on her back and trudged down the winding trail to the river. There she sat with her back against a warm rock and cried as if her heart would break, the chubby baby gurgling uneasily.

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death, as is our custom," her mother told her. "But that interfering missionary would not let us. Now, look at the trouble you have caused. Get out!"

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In spite of the missionary's interference, Noduna knew that she had been allowed to live only because her twin had died soon after birth. As she thought of all the troubles she had brought on her family, she wished she too could die now.

There was the time the mealic crop had failed. Of course, it had been her fault. When Giko, the black and white cow sickened and yielded no milk, she had been to blame. That hailstorm which killed the goats and flattened the kraals—she was the culprit. Her slender shoulders shook from her grief, and the chubby child on her back grumbled fretfully.

But this! This was worst of all. Her tall brother, Umpani, her family's first-born son, was sick unto death. Of course, she had put the evil eye on him. Naturally. Who else? Noduna buried her head in her arms and sobbed.

All of a sudden she raised her head and listened. A tiny thought seemed to be tapping against her brain. What was it that was demanding to be heard? Something about "call."

Now it was coming back. "Call upon me in—" In what? "In the day of trouble." That was it!

Where had she heard it? She thought hard, and the tears forgot to fall.

Why, yes! That lovely day when her brother had taken her to hear Mfundisi, the white God-teacher, at the hilltop mission down the river.

Ah, her brother Umpani did not think she was accursed. He was a good boy. He had listened to the white teacher tell about God the Great-Great, and he did not believe in his father's superstitions. Still, he was afraid to speak out.

She knew Umpani had seen how fierce his parents could be to his little sister, and to anyone who tried to show them how wrong they were. But she wished he had been a little braver. He would speak out at last, she was sure, but it took a lot of courage.

A tiny gleam of hope crept into Noduna's heart. As she sat listening to the gurgling of the river, she kept repeating the wonderful words. She remember all of them now: "'Call upon me'—that would be the Unsulunkulu, the Great-Great—'in the day of trouble. I shall deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me.'"

She could hardly believe it. Surely the Great-Great, He who made the sky, the sun and the mountains, was

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too high and mighty to notice a miserable little Zulu like her, let alone hear her prayer and help her. But Mfundisi had said He loves children as much as the big folk.

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But as Noduna sat by the river, absently patting her baby brother from time to time, a peace that she could not understand crept into her heart. She would pray for Umpani. Somehow, she knew he would not die.

When she opened her eyes, she saw far down the river on the path something moving. It was a horse! And he who sat on it was dressed all in white. It was Mfundisi!

He might help Umpani! She must stop him. She scrambled to her feet and swayed uncertainly. Could she get to the crossing in time? Not with the baby on her back. But where could she put him? She looked around frantically.

There, in the hollow behind that big rock, completely surrounded by other rocks, baby would be safe for a few minutes. Quickly she untied the blanket, made a nest of it in the hollow, and laid the protesting infant down. Then, like a young deer, she

At first she thought she was too late. The horse and rider were moving swiftly toward the river. Once over it, and he would be beyond her feeble call. She prayed again, her breath coming in sobbing gasps. Up ahead the horse stopped, and the rider swung himself down and did something-she could not see at that distance-to the saddle. Then he was riding again.

"Mfundisi!" she called hoarsely. She had lessened the distance between them, but would he hear? He rode on heedlessly, and her heart nearly broke.

But there, he was looking around! He saw her! He checked his horse, turned its head, and rode back.

"What's wrong?" he asked anxiously, leaping off his horse.

Noduna collapsed in the grass. She tried to make her gasping voice obey her will, but no sound would come.

"Take it easy, little one. Here, drink this." The missionary held a water bottle to her dry lips. When she was able to speak she told about her brother, how he lay sick.

"Here, get up on the saddle in front of me," ordered the white teacher, and he lifted her easily. Then he climbed up behind. Riding to where Bombola lay in his little nest, he scooped up the baby and they were off like the wind.

Noduna's parents stared when the horse with its riders galloped up to their hut.

claimed. "Naughty girl, what are you doing there? What have you done to Bombola?"

"The baby is all right," said the missionary. Noduna handed her baby brother to her mother and jumped down.

"I have brought Mfundisi to help Umpani," she said.

"May I look at your son?" the missionary asked. Without waiting for an answer, he stooped and crawled through the low opening into the dim hut. His flashlight revealed the prone figure of the lad, and the glassy eyes, the rapid rise and fall of the chest.

"Pneumonia," he murmured.

At once he slipped off the satchel he always carried, took out a small bottle, and before the wondering gaze of the parents who had followed him in he pressed two of the capsules into the hot lips and forced a drink from his bottle into the feverish mouth.

Then, still to the amazement of the African parents, he drew forth a tiny "dagger." Watching, Noduna caught her breath as he stuck it into Umpani's arm, injecting a shot of penicillin.

"He'll be better in the morning," he said in the Zuiu tongue. "But keep him warm, and don't let him get up for a few days."

Then he squatted down beside the mother and father.

"Noduna is a fine girl," he said. 'She did not bring this sickness."

Noduna looked fearfully at her parents. The white teacher was speaking again.

"Noduna did not bring any of the calamities that have befallen you. They are common to all. See, your little girl here brought me to help your son."

Noduna's parents looked hard at the missionary, then their eyes dropped to Umpani. He was sleeping, relaxed.

'If you say Noduna has a curse," the missionary added, opening a book, "I'll rid your girl of it once for all."

He called Noduna to him, and she came, wondering.

"Look," he said to her parents, "this is the Great-Great's holy book." From it he read in their language the story of Jesus blessing the little children. Then he looked right at Noduna.

"My girl," he said, "this Jesus is the Son of the Great-Great. He died for your sin. Do you put your trust in Him as your sin-bearer?"

"Oh, yes," breathed Noduna. Trust in Him? She loved Him already.

The white teacher placed his hands on Noduna's head.

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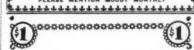
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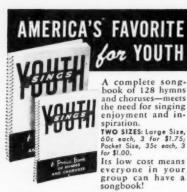
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the curse of sin. Make her Thine own child. May she lead her parents into the light."

Then he closed the Book.

"Now," he said, "I've prayed to the Unkulunkulu about your girl. She belongs to Him now. He will bless and protect her from evil for His Son Jesus' sake."

Noduna's mother and father nodded gravely. This they could understand. Their faces brightened. The curse had gone! The white God-teacher had driven it away.

In Noduna's heart a happy little song was ringing. She was free! No longer was she cursed because she was a twin. Now she belonged to the Unkulunkulu, the Great-Great.



Lynn: Look here! We have an airmail letter from Africa in our pile this month. Aren't these Congo Belge stamps beautiful?

Lee: They surely are. Especially those with the colored flowers. This letter is from Mary Brower. I think she must be a missionary child.

Lynn: She is. But look, she is in a school in Kajiji. Maybe she lives there away from her family during the school term. Read her letter, Lee. Lee: She says, "In the lower room here at Ecole Belle Vue, the school for children of missionaries in this part of Africa, we are ten children. I am the only one in the fourth grade. Lynn: Then she is probably nine or ten years old. Wow, she would have to do all the reciting in her grade!

Lee: Listen to this: "I have lots of

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time to do things besides my studies. I love to read but we have very few books in our library. I tried to make a scrap book of poems, and I've just finished a scrapbook I call Little Children. My teacher lets me read her junior section of the Moody Monthly. We could use several scrapbooks of different kinds and maybe pictures of homes and foods that we could also use in our social studies."

Lvnn: Say! I-have-an-idea.

Lee: You mean, we could send her scrapbooks?

Lynn: Well, maybe not books, but pictures. Just think of all the beautiful magazine pictures we see every month. I'm going to send her some. And our Sunday school papers. She would probably like to read them.

Lee: What about all the other children in the school. It says there are 34 altogether. Do you suppose some of our Moody Monthly Jr. friends would like to send them pictures and Sunday school papers?

Lynn: I wouldn't be surprised. That would be a good project for a class, too. What is that address again?

Lee: It is the Ecole Belle Vue (that is the name of the school, I think), Kajiji via Kahemba, Congo Belge, Africa. Mail sent to Africa costs 8c an ounce, remember.

Lynn: Sure, but that's just for the first ounce. Other ounces cost only 4c additional. I'll pay that out of my

Lee: I wonder who we will hear from next month? I hope that during summer vacation a lot of boys and girls will write to

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## Short-Cut? . . By Edwin Raymond Anderson

THE call was urgent. Would I come to the hospital-at once? The lad was badly injured and was calling for me. The message as it came over the telephone left me standing numbed for the suddenness of it. Why, only this morning we had been speaking and laughing together over many things . . .

"How did it happen?" I managed to

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The frantic voice on the other end gave a revealing answer. "He was not following his usual route. Instead, thinking it would be quicker, he took a shortcut . . ."

"A short-cut." The words have been running about in my mind ever since. How many disasters in how many realms, I wonder, have taken place because of the taking of an imagined short-cut?

I think of a gentleman who often attends our church. Respectable by every standard, with his abilities he could make a marked contribution to the outgo of the gospel. But he simply will not come the way of the cross.

Calvary seems to count too much for his imagined price. He thinks that already he has "so much to offer," and thus spends precious time in seeking for a short-cut to the gates of heaven.

I think of another. He is a Christian, but often confesses to a sense of "something missing" in his life. At one time an earnest brother led him to one side and tenderly pressed the question: "My brother, have you surrendered all things to the claims of His Lordship? Without question, without reserve?

He looked hard at the man for a moment, then turned quickly aside. Somehow this seemed "asking too much." Like the rich young ruler, he turned aside sorrowfully. With possessions not yet passed over to Christ, he continued to seek a "short-cut."

Could it be that you are seeking a short-cut, my friend? There was no short-cut for the Saviour when He paid the price of your salvation. For Him there was the high cost of crucified blood and the ugly gibbet. He was despised, smitten and forsaken by the Father.

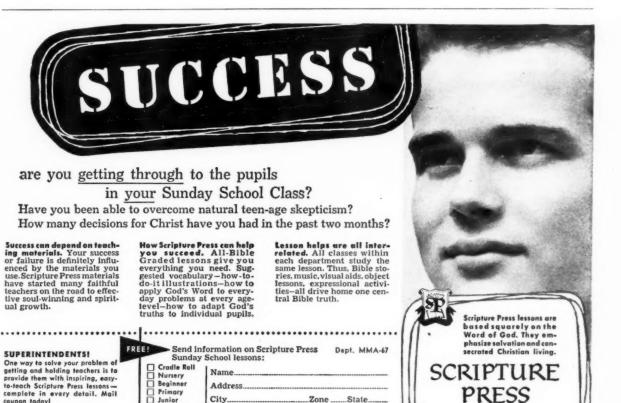
When Jesus explained what it would mean to follow Him, "from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66). They were looking for a short-cut to

Mentally these followers may have been on the Lord's side—and many today could be classed with that company. But facts which never become burned into living acts soon become darkened embers of ruined testimony. When the test came, they took a short-cut, "and walked no more with him."

For His followers today there must be the entering into the reality of presenting "[their] bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is [their] reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). There is no other way. That which costs little or nothing is never valued and becomes only a thing of passing fancy in the day of final counting.

What a difference when His precious Person claims and captures the "all" of your life! Everything is instantly thrown open to His touch and use, and He becomes the fairest of all, the joy and center of life.

Spiritually, the short-cut is the longest way, for it never reaches the desired destination. But when He becomes your Saviour, then Lord, and you know the blessedness of His companionship and the benediction of His grace for every task of your hours, then the way becomes END short indeed.



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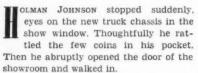
By Wayne Christianson

The hardest thing that 'Johnnie' Johnson

has had to learn in working for God

has been to keep his own hands off. The

result: an amazing camp 'where God has blessed.'



"What would you have to have for something like that with a school bus body?" he asked the dealer.

He waited. Up the street there were buses, too. Fords and Chevrolets for about \$5,150 each. But \$10,300—

"One enough?" asked the dealer.

"No, I really need two."

"For a school?"

"No," said Johnnie. "A camp. Camp Barakel."

The dealer asked more questions. Then he looked sharply at Johnnie. "How much do you get?"

"No salary, if that's what you mean," Johnnie answered. "All our staff give their time. We're not in this for money."

The dealer asked another question or two. "All right," he said. "I have two buses you can have. I'll give you \$1,000 off on each one. That'll mean they'll cost you \$8,300."

A few days later Johnnie was back. "We'd like to have those two buses—that is, if your offer's still open," he told the dealer.

"Sure is," said the dealer. "How much can you pay down?"

Johnnie was thoughtful. "Well, we can give you what's in the pickle jar."

"The what?" asked the dealer.

"It's just a plain old pickle jar," explained Johnnie. "The kids put it up on the piano for a special bus fund. There's \$19.80 in it. Then I have \$10 somebody gave me. Guess we could give you \$30.

The dealer looked up in astonishment. Then he laughed. "How soon can you give me \$500?" he asked.

"Thirty days," answered Johnnie, who had learned to trust the Lord in such matters.

"How soon can you give me another \$500?"

"Another thirty days."

"Pick 'em up in two weeks," the dealer instructed. "We'll leave the balance on the books on open account. You pay us as you can. We'll see what you can do in two years."



Holman Johnson at his desk.

The buses were picked up on faith, and for two years checks for as much as \$100 or as little as \$75 kept arriving from Camp Barakel to whittle down the balance. After about twenty-two months, however, there was still \$4,000 due.

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"We were praying, and our campers were, too," recalls Johnnie. "But a few days before the final payment was due, we were still \$2,000 short. Then one morning I opened the mail and a check for \$2,000 fell out. A letter from a man I had not realized was especially interested in the work said, 'I wish this could be a gift, but take it as a loan that can be repaid at your leisure."

A day or two later, after settling with the bus dealer, Johnnie looked up the man who had sent the \$2,000 check.

"I was in bed when the Lord spoke to me," the man explained. "It seemed as if He said, 'Send Johnnie Johnson \$2,000.' I dismissed the idea as foolish, but I couldn't get to sleep. Finally I said, 'All right, Lord, I'll send the \$2,000,' and I dropped right back to sleep. In the morning my wife and I sent the check."

Even this story has an illuminating sequel. Johnnie recalls that somewhat more than a year later he received a letter from the same man explaining that he and his wife were building another house and asking the camp director to "let us know what you can do on the loan."

"That morning I was a little worried," Johnnie admits. "Then I was ashamed.

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Again and again camp director Johnson has knelt in this office den with its well used fireplace to make known needs that he could not share outside.

the dear Lord's forgiveness. 'Forgive me, Lord,' I said, 'it's Your burden, not mine!' And in fifteen minutes," he recalls soberly, "He had put a provision in our hands for repaying the \$2,000 in full!"

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◆ To those who know, the circumstances of the pickle jar bus purchase back in 1951 are far more than an interesting chain of happenings. They are a sample of the kind of provision responsible for Camp Barakel-pronounced Bear-a-kell -which if you have studied Hebrew you

blessed."

There are many fine Christian camps throughout the country, but it is the way in which God has led in providing the land and the logs and the money, not to mention the leadership and the workers, which makes the story of the camp significant to thoughtful Christians.

Five years ago Camp Barakel was an undeveloped, uncleared section of Michigan north woods and Big Chief Holman Johnson-Johnnie to his friends-was a

I just knelt down in the office and asked may know means "where God has work with kids. Today Camp Barakel's big, red-roofed buildings and its equipment alone are worth more than \$175,-000, and there isn't a mortgage on one of its 310 wooded acres. Most striking of all, is the fact that this has been done without fund raising campaigns, without a single large gift and even without appeals to friends.

Once each year Johnnie Johnson sends out a mimeographed letter or bulletin to friends of the camp. But before those letters go to his secretary to be run off young Michigan preacher who liked to on the mimeograph, Johnnie painstak-



One end of dining hall. Also used for classes and evening service. Campers and counselors bunk together in two large log dormitories.





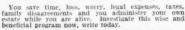
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Many times it would have been far easier

to go to friends for the support he knew

they would be glad to give.

ingly pencils out any sentences or phrases which might possibly be construed as hints for financial help.

Johnnie is quick to recognize that many Christian organizations have through the years been led to make their work known to believers. He himself, however, has from the outset sensed that God would have him follow his present plan. Thus Camp Barakel while blessing children through its camping program leaves adults thoughtful at twentieth century provision not unlike the earlier testimony of George Müller and his home for orphans.

This kind of dependence on God is not the easy, hold-out-your-hand proposition that might first appear. It means prayer and faith and waiting—the ability to go to sleep at night when you know there are bills due the next week or the next day, and little or nothing on hand with which to meet them. Often it means being willing to walk around easy and relaxed with only a dime in your pocket. But there is a special satisfaction in knowing beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is God's hand alone meeting your needs from day to day.

Perhaps most of all this dependence on God means discipline in not taking things into your own hands when matters are pressing. "One of the hardest things I've had to learn," Johnnie admits, "is to keep quiet and trust God. So many times when we've had a need it would have been a thousand times easier to have told a few folks we knew than go home and get down on our knees."

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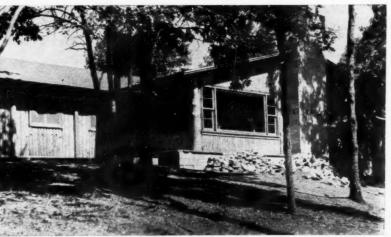
+ LOOKING back, one can see God's providences in Holman Johnson's life. Again and again difficulties have schooled him in the twin requirements of dependence on God for leading and for the meeting of daily needs.

In 1932 a new pastor brought the good news of salvation through Christ to Johnnie and two brothers, Hi and Howard, then living on a farm in downstate Illinois. Two years later with high school behind him and an enviable record in basketball, he brushed aside offers of several college scholarships to enroll for training at Moody Bible Institute.

Money was far from plentiful, even though Johnnie worked to help pay his board and room, so along with Bible synthesis and doctrine he began to learn dependence on God for his daily needs. Meanwhile he met and married Hester Bell, a fellow student whose faith and encouragement were to mean so much.

Almost from the first there was the problem of finances, of course. As an assistant pastor, and later as a Sunday school worker and pastor in rural Mich-

Thermopane windows in the dining hall overlook timbered slope and lake nestled below.



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igan, Johnnie's pockets were empty more often than not. Still God saw that there was enough.

Greater tests were to come. It was discovered that Hester had a heart condition which meant that life could never be quite normal. Then a year after Johnnie had been called to pastor the Inter-City Bible Church at Lansing, Mich., the church burned down. Johnnie recalls the discouragement and burden of that day.

"We had \$15,000 cash and we ended up by building a \$60,000 church. That was in war time and I drove to Detroit every few days to see about priorities. I think God was making me trust Him for things like that way back there."

But Johnnie was still not quite ready for the responsibilities of Camp Barakel. He began having trouble with his eyes. One day while driving to Lansing the two lanes of the highway suddenly became four—and stayed that way.

A few months later he appeared at his parents' farm in Illinois.

"Pa," he said. "I guess I'm through. I can't take responsibility. I can't read. I guess I'll come home and just try to make a living the rest of my days."

But God did not let him give up. Gradually his eyes improved and he was even able to continue college work along with pastoral duties.

→ The beginning of the present Camp Barakel was a tremendous step of faith in itself. For several years Johnnie in association with several other pastors had carried on a summertime camp in rented quarters. Increasingly it became apparent that a permanent site was needed and that God was calling Johnnie to take over this work.

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Winter brings sports and Christian fellowship.

value. In less than six months money had come in to buy it.

February 5, 1952, the day after he wrote the check for the final payment on the camp property. Johnnie drove as near as possible to the camp site. Parking his car along the road and shouldering a bag of groceries, a hatchet and a set of wrenches, he trudged two miles through deep snow to a tar paper shack which he had chosen as base for his months of work. Behind him was the security of the pastorate with its regular weekly salary; ahead was an awesome array of problems which had to be met and solved before acres of wilderness could by any stretch of imagination be called a camp.

Somehow a master plan must emerge. Timber must be cut, roads must be built, buildings must be put up. Plumbing, wiring, equipment, not to mention the problems of staff and program which had to be met-and all without funds or financial backing. Most of all, the man responsible was not a contractor or a woodsman or a plumber or a carpenter, but a preacher.

Today, Barakel has its big dining hall, its two dormitories, its utility house containing toilet facilities, showers and laundry room, its staff building which houses teachers, cooks, kitchen help and teaching staff, its headquarters building with camp office and trading post, its handcraft building, a garage and chapel. Adjoining houses provide quarters for Johnnie and other full-time staff members who live at Barakel the year round. Roads, walks, docks and other improvements speak eloquently of the time, money and labor invested since that day in February five years ago when Johnnie arrived to begin work.

How has this been possible? The circumstances by which materials and workers have been supplied would make a book-and it would be worth writingbut in a word the answer is God's continuing provision. Quietly, often from sources unknown to Johnnie, almost

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always by unexpected means, the needs have been met.

Virtually all the labor has been volunteer. Volunteer loggers have been responsible for getting out the timber. A building materials dealer gave the use of his fleet of trucks and offered building materials at cost. The grateful father of a boy Johnnie had helped arranged to supply roofing at approximately half the usual cost.

And the windows-there's a special story about them. Johnnie remembers how a lumber dealer quoted a price of \$600 each for two thermopane windows twelve and one-half feet long.

"Could you use a window twelve feet, five inches long?" the dealer asked.

"Yes," Johnnie said. "I'm sure we could."

The dealer was silent for a moment, then he spoke slowly.

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"I believe God's ordered a mistake," he said. "We've just made up a couple of windows and the dimensions are wrong. We thought we'd made a boner, but I guess God wants you to have them-and they won't cost you a cent."

In due time the thermopane windows arrived-and with them almost a truckload of other windows gift of the lumber company. The dealer was convinced tnat God wanted Camp Barakel to

+ AND that is how the camp has been built. Often, it is true, the way has not been easy. Hard, lonely months were ahead, especially after March 1954 when God saw fit to call Hester Johnson home. Later, in the fall of 1955, a fire completely destroyed the nearly new girl's dormitory. The following March lightening set fire to Johnnie's home.

But God's faithfulness was unchanging. A new and larger and finer dormitory was complete and ready for use by July 1956. And in the summer of 1956 friends rejoiced at the word from Camp Barakel that Big Chief Johnnie had found another helpmate in a devoted and talented staff member.

Meanwhile each summer children and older young people continue to show God's touch on their lives as they leave Camp Barakel. Some return to their homes with the kind of testimony which help their parents find the Lord Jesus Christ. Others make a Christian impact in their high school circles. Not a few are in training for full-time Christian service as the direct result of decisions made at camp.

To Johnnie and his co-workers, this is wonderful-but not surprising. This is God's work. The problem is to keep it in His hands and trust in Him. They know that as long as this is done, Camp Barakel-or any other place-will be a place "where God has blessed." END



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The story of Joseph is one of the most complete and delightful accounts to be found in the Bible. It is also a turning point in history, for what happened in today's lesson brought Jacob into Egypt eventually, and set up a long chain of events in the history of Israel.

Pertinent application to family life today may be made from the experiences of Joseph and his family. Your class can go home today not only informed about a Bible story but inspired to better family living.

A series of striking contrasts is shown in the lesson, the first of which is

#### I. Favoritism and Envy (vv. 3, 4)

Differing characteristics of children as well as the time and place of their birth bring about different attitudes that need to be watched with great care. In Joseph's case he was the oldest son of Jacob's beloved Rachel, an answer to prayer (Gen. 30:22-24) and a boy of great promise. His mother was dead and his aged father came to regard him as his favorite son.

His brothers were rough and some of them were wicked, and after a visit to them in the field he came home to bring an "evil report" about them (Gen. 37:2). This in itself did not incline them to view him with favor. The situation was further aggravated by his father's gift of a "coat of many colors," actually a long sleeved coat which no working man could wear. It was the coat of an overseer or aristocrat.

This explosive set-up elicited feelings of envy by the brethren-and scarcely any wonder. No parent should ever show favoritism, no matter how much one child appeals to him. Absolute fairness is the rule in dealing with all the children in a family, or trouble will develop.

The problem deepens as we note that there were

II. Visions and Hatred (vv. 5-8)

Besides the dream in our lesson text

there was another, related in verse 9. Both indicated that Joseph was to have a place of prominence, where his brothers -and even his father-were to bow down to him. These visions were true, and would be fulfilled (Gen. 42:9), but at the time they were highly inflammatory. One wonders whether Joseph told them in humility and kindness. Certainly he

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learned later, through much suffering and sorrow, the real attitude of his brothers toward him.

It was an immature and somewhat spoiled boy who thus caused his brothers' violent hatred. Now they even wanted to take his life. Little did they realize that they were actually playing into God's hands in carrying out not only Joseph's destiny, but that of the entire nation. Let us look at this. We find here blended

#### III. Destiny and Deceit (vv. 23, 24, 28)

Teachers will want to tell this whole story for its dramatic detail. It will intrigue children and grown-ups alike. These men showed their hatred, and then covered it up (or thought they did) by dreadful deceit.

Note how at every point God stepped in to work out His will for Joseph. Reuben kept them from killing him (v. 21). The pit into which they cast him had "no water in it" (verse 34), although it was designed for water storage. Then, just "by chance," Ishmaelites on their way to Egypt came by (v. 25) and the brothers suddenly decided to make some money out of their wicked deed (v. 28).

In all this God's hand is seen. He meant to have Joseph in Egypt, and he used the evil purposes of men to provide transportation. W. M. Taylor (quoted by Wilbur M. Smith) has well said that here we have "God's providence in miniature . . . Each party was seeking his own ends and yet they were contributing to bring about the purpose of God . . What is the use of a man's trying to thwart God's purposes when, whether he will or not, everything he does helps them forward? Surely it is better far to acquiesce in them and find our happiness in doing His will!"

June 23

#### God's Steadfast Love Genesis 39:20-23, 41:46-52

MEMORY SELECTION: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him .- Psalm 103:17a

The amazing story of Joseph is continued in today's lesson. Having been sold into slavery he was bought by Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, Potiphar recognized the quality of this Hebrew boy, and seeing how God blessed him he soon promoted him to be his chief servant. The eyes of a wicked woman, Potiphar's wife, soon observed this fine young man, and she desired him. His complete integrity and morality caused him to reject her advances, and for this he was cast into prison on the basis of her false accusations. In the awful

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#### 1. Confidence of Faith (Gen. 39:20-23)

It is a bit surprising how often in the Bible one finds God's men in prison. Their determination to live upright and honorable lives ran so counter to the standards of this world that there was an inevitable clash and persecution. In prison they lost none of their trust in the Lord and He brought them out for His own glory. Joseph came to prison unstained in character and with a devotion to God that gave him strength and assurance.

But it was not long before he, the prisoner, was the head man of the jail, for the keeper had turned it over to him. Thus the Lord gave Joseph opportunity to win the favor of two of Pharaoh's leading servants who had landed in the jail because of the king's displeasure.

Read the interesting story of how Joseph's interpretation of dreams ultimately led to opportunity to do the same thing for the king (Ch. 40 and 41). The king's dreams were actually God's warning of seven years of famine to follow seven years of abundant crops. Sensing that the man who had the ear to hear God's warning was also the one to prepare for that eventuality, Pharaoh appointed Joseph administrator of the whole land of Egypt for the

#### II. Conservation of Food (Gen. 41:46, 47)

Joseph recognized God as the giver of the grain. All our plans today for the control of agriculture are destined to fail if God withholds His blessings. Government officials as well as farmers must look to Him for wisdom and blessing in the production of food.

In that connection one wonders how long we expect to use the grain God has given to feed the nations to make the destructive alcoholic beverages which degrade and ruin the people. God could send us famine, too—let us never forget that.

Note how Joseph conserved the food. He did not sit in a royal office and issue edicts, but he went through the land building warehouses and collecting the grain. The personal touch in government is all important.

Observe also the wisdom of storing the food in the places where it would eventually be needed. There was no shipping and reshipping, no undue centralization, ano temptation to form a "grain bureaucracy."

Joseph was more than a public servant, however. His personal life is revealed as we see his

#### III. Consecration of Family (Gen. 41:50-52)

From among the Gentiles Joseph took a bride. While it is not indicated, we have reason to assume that she was a believer in the true God. One cannot conceive of a man of Joseph's character and spiritual integrity marrying an unbeliever.

The sons that came into the home as a fruit of this marriage were recognized as God's gift, "a heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127.3). The very names given to these boys indicated that their parents counted God into their lives from the very beginning.

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#### Joseph, Man of Mercy Genesis 45:3-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.—Matthew 5:7

A real test of a man's character is to find how he reacts to high position and prosperity. Too often such experience makes a man smug and self-satisfied, and carries him so far away from the troubles of ordinary folk that he loses interest in them, or becomes hard-hearted toward them.

Joseph showed himself a true man of God in this, that when great opportunity came to show mercy to his brothers he arose to it in magnificent fashion. Forgiveness, that opened the way to renewed fellowship and kindness, brought the story of Joseph and his family to a happy ending.

All the varied experiences of Joseph with his brothers as related in Genesis Chapters 42-44 came to a crisis and a conclusion in which

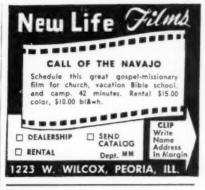
#### I. Love Overcomes Fear (vv. 3, 4)

After the earnest plea of his brother Judah (Gen. 44:18-34) the heart of Joseph could no longer withhold itself from a full expression of love and devotion to his family.

Joseph tenderly shielded the family troubles from the eyes and ears of the Egyptians by sending them out of his presence. This was the first step of consideration which opened the way for reconciliation. How often just the opposite is done. Family affairs are aired before the world bringing shame and humiliation, and these in turn become a barrier to reconciliation.

This was something for the family, a moment too personal and precious to expose to outsiders. The deep movement of Joseph's spirit resulted in tears. Consciousness of their sin made the brothers fearful, and it was all that love could do to bring peace and assurance to their hearts.

It may be well to note that after all



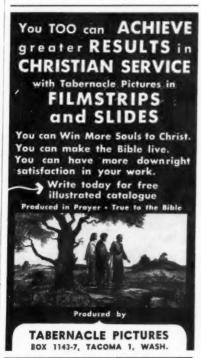
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these years the sin which they thought they had buried arose to face them. It always does, sooner or later (Num. 32:23). But thanks be to God,

#### II. Grace Overrules Sin (vv. 5-8)

The guilt of these men was real and Joseph could not remove it, but he could encourage them to seek God's forgiveness by showing how God had used their evil devices to work out His own good pleasure. God makes even the wrath of man praise Him (Ps. 76:10).

Nothing is more important in the life of God's child than to yield to His will, unmoved by circumstances, abiding His time, and responding to His guidance whether it be by doors opening or closing, by prosperity or by adversity. The crowning glory of it all is that sin may be overruled by God for His own glory.

Let no one think that this invites anyone to sin, expecting grace to abound (Rom. 6:1, 2), but let us recognize that it offers high encouragement to the one who has fallen to come to God. He can redeem "the years that the locusts have eaten" (Joel 2:25).

Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers was real. How often forgiveness is not! Sometimes "forgiveness" has an air of "I can forgive but I can't forget"—there is a sort of cessation of hostilities, but no kindness and mercy. Is there real forgiveness in such an attitude of heart and mind? We fear not. With Joseph we note that

#### III. Kindness Restores Fellowship (vv. 9-15)

It might have been enough for Joseph to send food and an affectionate greeting to his father and let his brothers go home. But love does not seek the minimum but the maximum of expression.

Note the tender touch in verse 15: "he kissed all his brethren." Here was no casual or general forgiveness but a personal renewal of long-lost fellowship.

Even bringing his aged father and his brothers into the land of plenty was not enough. Joseph gave them "the best of the land" (Gen. 47:11). His thoughtful consideration shown in the manner he sent for his father is another expression of his kindness and love. One could wish that more of our young people had more of that spirit toward their aged parents.

The scene is now all set for the development of the nation of Israel and all its subsequent history, which occupies so prominent a place in our Bible.

#### July 7

#### Miriam, A Leader in Israel

Exodus 15:20, 21;

Numbers 12:1-10, 13-15

MEMORY SELECTION: A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. -Proverbs 31:30b

Today we begin a new series of studies on the most interesting of all subjectspeople. Biographies of Biblical characters are very enlightening and spiritually helpful for they tell us of the relationships of these men and women to other people-and to God. We may learn here how to live so as to receive His blessing and how to avoid the pitfalls which

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The lesson today presents a woman of prominence and great promise who permitted pride and jealousy to mar an otherwise commendable record. Miriam was the sister of Moses, Israel's great leader, and also of Aaron the high priest and she shared with them the responsibility for the deliverance of her people (Mic. 6:4). She was also a prophetes (Ex. 15:20).

The story of Miriam as a little girl revealed qualities that showed up in later life. Her life is characterized by

#### I. Loyalty and Triumph (Ex. 15:20. 21)

This is a charming story, how Miriam protected her little baby brother Moses from destruction as he was hidden in the bulrushes, found by the Egyptian princess, and at Miriam's suggestion reared by a Hebrew nurse who was none other than his mother. We read it in chapter 2 of Exodus.

One would expect a sister like that to go on in continued loyalty to her brother as under the hand of God he became Israel's great civic, military and spiritual leader. In these opening verses the record is given of her leading the women who had been delivered from Egypt by the miracle of the Red Sea in a glorious song of triumphant faith.

It was a tremendous response to the song of Moses (Ex. 15:1-19). In this scene of joy, satisfaction and praise to God Miriam had a distinguished part.

Leadership, however, brings one into a place where temptation to pride and excessive ambition become strong. Loyalty to one's leader calls for more than singing a song of praise, however, and here Miriam (with her brother Aaron) failed She is (Num. 12) guilty of

#### II. Presumption and Judgment (Num. 12:1-10)

God does not permit His chosen leaders to be lightly set aside, and His judgment was quick when Miriam joined Aaron in anger and criticism of Moses.

They were critical of him because of the woman he chose to marry-which was none of their business. Possibly there had arisen a personal quarrel between these two women who stood so near to Moses. Aaron also was displeased because Moses had chosen the seventy elders without consulting him.

Asserting their position, they presumed to be as great as Moses. But God soon put a stop to that wicked nonsense. He renewed His covenant with Moses and declared that He would speak with Him face to face.

God was angry. Please note that one can get to the place where the loving and patient God finds His wrath "kindled" (v. 9), then judgment falls. There are many in our day who think they can neglect or disobey God and in one moment of contrition wipe out full responsibility. Consider what happened to Miriam in such a case.

Not only did the horrible judgment of leprosy come upon her personally, but her sin also resulted in the removal of the pillar of cloud which had stood over Israel as the token of God's protection

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III. Repentance and Restoration (Num. 12:11-15)

Note the kindness and patience of Moses, who interceded with God when Aaron expressed the repentence of himself and Miriam. How gracious God's servants are when they reflect His love!

After seven days of exclusion from her people restoration came to Miriam. We can be sure that it was a chastened and obedient leader who went before her people as God restored the cloud of guidance to them.

July 14

#### Jethro, A Practical Counselor

Exodus 18:13-24

MEMORY SELECTION: Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the Lord had done.-Exodus 18:9

In Jethro, Moses was blessed with a father-in-law who was definitely interested in him, eager for his welfare and willing to help with good counsel. It is a pleasant picture of friendly co-operation we have here.

Rejoicing in the evident blessing of God upon the work of Moses, Jethro, who had come from Midian to visit, presented "a burnt offering and sacrifices to

God." Then "Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God" (Ex. 18:12).

It was a good preparation for his activity on the morrow as Jethro watched the work of Moses with

I. Keen Observation (vv. 13-18)

As God's leader Moses had served as a judge between them in their problems of adjustment. But what first had been only an occasional duty had grown to such proportions that it kept him busy all day long.

Moses had accepted it as something that devolved upon him and probably not realizing how the work was hindering him from caring for other responsibilities. Moreover, it was wearing him down nervously and physically.

It is a good thing to have an occasional check-up of one's job to see whether things are wisely ordered and efficiently executed-and especially if it is done by one so friendly and capable as Jethro.

Notice that Jethro's advice to Moses began with

II. Spiritual Recognition (vv. 19, 20) No man can lead a people in the right way if he does not have his own life in constant touch with God. Much of the failure of the nations today centers at that point. The many conferences on national and international problems have value, but they accomplish little unless there is a seeking after God's will.

Jethro saw that as duties multiplied Moses must have more time, not less, for communion with the Lord. Even the little "causes" which came to him for judgment had to be presented to God for His guidance.

Next Jethro revealed his plan for

#### III. Intelligent Administration (vv. 21-23)

Capable men should be chosen to relieve the burden of the leader. Some say that instead of seeking help with his work Moses should have sought special grace to bear the load himself. At times this might be the answer, but we do not think it was so in this case. The whole matter was handled with such a devout and careful approach, and there was an evident desire to glorify God, that it seems to have been a divine leading as well as the exercise of sound judgment. Moses listened to this counsel of

Jethro, giving

IV. Wise Co-operation (vv. 24-26)

It would have been easy to reject the counsel of Jethro, and perhaps regard it as the intrusion of a meddlesome fatherin-law. It is a mark of greatness for a man to be willing to learn, even from the most humble of his friends.

Quickly Moses established an order of business that would protect everyone's rights and relieve him of minor duties. Then he "let his father-in-law depart" (v. 27) to his own land. Jethro showed quality of character in not lingering around to "supervise" his plan. We might say in closing that not every adviser exercises such good judgment.

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ISAIAH, "THE SALVATION OF JEHO-VAH," by Alfred Martin. Moody Press, Chicago. 127 pages (paper), 35c.

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MISSIONARY METHODS, ST. PAUL'S OR OURS? by Roland Allen. Moody Press, Chicago. 230 pages, \$2.50.

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Allen's thesis is simply this: St. Paul was a remarkably successful planter of Christian churches that thrived and multiplied. We today build missions that all too often fail to produce a flourishing church. Would we not do better to follow St. Paul's methods?

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THE GOSPELS, AN EXPANDED TRANS-LATION, by Kenneth S. Wwest. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids. 320 pages, \$3.50.

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As the title suggests, the author presents this volume as an expanded translation of the Greek text of the four Gospels. He suggests that one could call it a "commentary translation." Since he is not held to a minimum number of words as many previous translators, he can then include the fuller or more complete meanings of the Greek words, a practice which was not possible in the translation of the Authorized or Revised Versions.

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Perhaps its greatest value is in the realm, suggested by the author, of being a volume

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THE INVINCIBLE CHRIST, by Massey Mott Heltzel. Abingdon Press, Nash-ville. \$2.00.

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THE DEAD SEA SCRIPTURES IN ENG-LISH TRANSLATION WITH INTRO-DUCTION AND NOTES, by Theodore H. Gaster. Doubleday Anchor Books, Garden City, N.Y. 350 pages, paper, 95¢; cloth \$4.00 cloth, \$4.00.

Theodore Gaster, Professor of Comparative Religion at Dropsie College, Philadelphia, and Visiting Professor of History of Religions, Columbia University, has written several books on the religions of the ancient Near East. His The Oldest Stories in the World is a popular recital of tales from the ancient Babylonians, Hittites, and Canaanites Canaanites

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While believing that the scrolls will help us to "reconstruct the spiritual climate of early Christianity." Gaster repudiates the idea that the Qumran Covenanters believed in a "martyred Messianic Teacher of Righteousness' who reappeared posthumously to his disciples and whose Second Coming was awaited." Differing from most scholars, Gaster does not believe in a personal Teacher of Righteousness at all. He holds that the title "designates an office, not a particular person."

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Gaster maintains, however, that the scrolls portray for us "the cultural climate in which John the Baptist conducted his mission, and in which Jesus was initially reared." The language and idiom of the day are contained in the scrolls, although theological concepts of the New Testament are not there. It should be remembered that Theodore Gaster is a Jewish scholar and is in no sense desirous of defending the uniqueness of the Christian revelation. Therefore, when he says that the scrolls contain "no trace of any of the cardinal theological concepts... which make Christianity a distinctive faith," he writes as a scholar dealing with factual material.

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Gaster has a facile pen. He appreciates an apt expression. "The archaeologists tell us that the Dead Sea caves are hot and dark," he writes, and adds, "The same might be said of the controversy which has raged around their contents."

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The translation is a work of art. In comparing it with the Hebrew text, however, the reader is occasionally impressed with the freedom with which the translation is made. Obviously, Gaster is seeking to translate ideas rather than words. In that respect he succeeds quite well. The reader must not think that he has a literal translation before him, or that every line of the Qumran text has a corresponding line in Gaster's translation. A free translation, or paraphrase, makes easier reading than a literal translation. Accepted as such, the individual interested in an English rendering of the scrolls will find Gaster's work useful.

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## A Girl Called Sylvia

#### By Olive W. Mumert

ACH Sunday morning when the music of the "Light and Life Hour" program peals forth from the radio I am reminded of a girl called Sylvia. And I find running through my mind, along with the theme of the program, the opening bars of that lovely old song, Sylvia.

Sylvia's hair is like the night,

Touched with dancing, starry beams, Such a face that lives through dreams, This is Sylvia to the sight!

Yet, Sylvia's hair was not like the night at all! Nor was her physical beauty very remarkable. Her beauty went deeper than that. Her hair was fair, and she wore it pulled tightly back into a bun at the nape of her neck. This may have lessened her natural attractiveness as the world views such things, but it detracted not at all from the spiritual radiance shining out from her blue eyes.

No, the words of that song certainly were not fitted to Sylvia's outward appearance, but their unspoiled sentiment and the lilting charm of the music fitted most aptly the spiritual loveliness of the girl.

As a student nurse, I was of course bound to observe the proper etiquette, and so I was not permitted to become too intimate with the help-which included Sylvia.

Yet all the rules could never prevent the spiritual intimacy that existed between us. We possessed in common the greatest possession of all, our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. As Christians we obeyed the hospital rules, but when we met in the halls or utility rooms our eyes acknowledged a unity, a oneness, that was above and beyond the rules of earth.

There were many nice, friendly girls among the students, but none who openly claimed my Saviour as Master and Lord. Pleasant enough companions but our basic interests were different.

On the other hand, Sylvia was like a lighthouse in the stormy rush and bustle of hospital training. Her faith needed no words to make itself felt. It was evidenced by her actions, her humble eagerness to give satisfaction, her quiet, clean manner of speaking, her graciousness and her ready smile.

A shy, sensitive girl, she had no thought in her mind, I am sure, that she could possibly be a source of strength and encouragement to someone else. Yet her very presence was a blessing to me. She was a tower of strength, for she radiated the Spirit of Christ. His love shone out through her, and seeing her I was conscious of His presence.

Even today, after nearly twenty years, the sounds of that Free Methodist theme song, ringing out over the air, bring memories of the girl called Sylvia, for she was of that persuasion. They are pleasant, warming memories. They bring joy to my heart and a smile to my lips.

I wonder if someone will ever look back over twenty years of life and recall having met me, and having been blessed by the meeting? Will remembrance of me bring a consciousness of having known one who lived close to the Master? I wonder. END

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International, to guest-write

Teen Tip-Off.



## TEEN TIP-OFF

Why Bible Study?

By TED W. ENGSTROM

What does the Bible mean to you . . . personally, individually?

You're a Christian. You accept the Bible as God's holy, inspired Word. You listen to your minister, your Sunday school teacher, your youth leader as they open the Word to you, and you accept it as the voice of God. You may even on occasion memorize some short portions of it. You believe it, as the old Negro testified, "from generations to revolutions."

But—have you made it the basic textbook of your life? Anything less than a regular, consistent, daily, concentrated study of God's Word is less than God's perfect will for your life!

Many young Christians believe that Bible study is only for Bible teachers, preachers, missionaries and full time Christian workers (so-called). This is not so! The Bible is God's personal message to every Christian believer. You impoverish yourself unless you feed on the Word every day.

Are you having trouble as a Christian defeating Satan in your life and living victoriously? Nine times out of ten you will find it to be because you are neglecting the Word of God in your daily pattern of life. The greatest preventive against sin in all the world is the Word of God hid away daily in the heart, for

as the Psalmist says, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).

The Word of God is two-fold: the written Word, the Bible, and the incarnate Word, Christ, the Word made flesh. In your Bible study look for the Lord Jesus. The golden key which unlocks the Scriptures to our hearts is Christ. He is the message of the Bible. He is seen on every page.

Young person, you will never become a strong, stalwart, mature Christian without a diligent and regular study of the Bible. It is an absolute necessity for spiritual growth. It is no more possible to grow spiritually without a constant feeding from God's Word than it is to grow physically and yet neglect physical nourishment. Tie your Bible study directly to your prayer time, for prayer without Bible study breeds fanaticism, and Bible study without prayer produces coldness and spiritual pride.

Your quiet time, as you seek the Lord in prayer and really study the Word, is an investment that will pay off in blessing, spiritual growth and in effectiveness in service. You dare not neglect it, for if you do you will remain an ineffectual, anemic Christian with little power either with God or man.

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## YOUTHGRAM

Youth in action cross-country

By JACK DANIEL

word comes from Bagdad, Iraq, that an evangelical revival has hit this Moslem city for the first time in history. Nearly 100 persons, many of them Moslems, have publicly confessed Christ as Saviour through the fervent preaching of Maurice Hanna, a foreign student from the United States associated with International Students Incorporated. YS readers will be interested to know that Maurice Hanna first read about ISI in the Youth Supplement in 1952, wrote the editor and asked for more information. Within a few months he was signed up with ISI.

ISI mid-winter reports show that its staff of 37 has contacted more than 10,000 overseas students on some 500 college and university campuses throughout the U.S. and Canada, and thousands of foreign nationals have been reached by students like Maurice Hanna overseas.

\* Basketball and the Bamboo Curtain might be a good title for the Venture for Victory basketball team's trip to six Oriental countries and the Pescadores Islands this summer. Venture for Victory is the latest in the series of basketball-evangelism tours by college cage stars to the world's mission fields. This year the six collegians will be joined by Norm Cook and Bud Shaeffer, former court stars themselves who went on VV trips to the Orient and decided to go back as full-time missionaries. Cook and Shaeffer will also share coaching duties.

Taylor University's Coach Don Odle will miss the trip this year due to a recurring spinal disc difficulty. It was Odle who first envisioned and promoted the junkets as a missionary-minded athletic director's unorthodox approach to winning men for Christ. The team will play and preach in Hawaii, Formosa, Hong Kong, South Viet Nam, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines, in addition to the Pescadores Islands of Kinmen and Quemoy within sight of and under the shadow of Communist Chinese shore batteries.

Team personnel includes Dick Kamm of Wheaton, Gary Ausbun of Anderson, Clyde Cook of Biola, George Glass of Taylor, Fred Whims of Spring Arbor and Joe Grabill of Indiana University. VV teams have played for and preached to almost 2 million people, and they expect to pass that mark on this tour.

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It's survival of the fittest, according to the experts, on who is accepted and rejected at the better colleges. Grades in high school are going to count more than ever before! On page 19 you'll find an article that shows that "College is a Family Affair," but it is also very much up to you high schoolers as to whether you get into the college of your choice—or even into any college!

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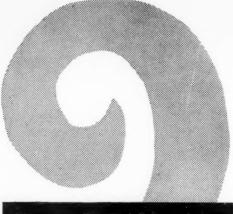
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Thought and prayer are mingled as contestants strain hard for the answers.

HAT particular July Saturday night will probably be a scorcher.

If the Indiana summer doesn't do it, the fierce teen-age Bible quiz competition ought to raise the temperature and blood pressure of all 6,000 parents and teens who crowd out Billy Sunday Tabernacle at Winona Lake for the North American finals of Youth for Christ's high school Bible quiz.

This sweltering Saturday night is the end of the road for 7,500 Bible-toting and quoting young people, some of whom started studying for the quiz as soon as Matthew and II Corinthians were announced last summer as this year's quiz books.

The thousands will have been reduced to a dozen or so regional teams, who in turn have battled all week long for the privilege of fidgeting nervously on the specially built, flood-lit platform at the front of the tabernacle.

International Bible Club Director Jack

Hamilton will stand at the quizmaster's microphone in the center of the auditorium, and the ten tense teens will lean forward, stare intently at Hamilton, and strain to hear the word that will give them the clue to the question and its answer.

Seldom is a question asked in its entirety during that second week at Winona Lake. After as few as two or three words of the question a fellow or girl may jump to a standing position, race through the remainder of the question, often word for word as Hamilton had it on his card, then, just as coolly, give the answer.

Right then the silence of the summer evening is shattered by the screams of teen-age cheering sections whose enthusiasm borders almost on hysteria.

This has been going on now for some eight years, ever since it started with a few young people in Kansas City, Mo., who wanted a method of studying their Bible that would utilize the youthful

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enthusiasm of their high school Bible clubs.

Then, as now, Hamilton was the quizmaster.

Then there was only a handful of teams; today there are something over 1,000 teams each consisting of from five to seven members digging into the Bible.

Since the quiz has become a continent-wide affair, each Winona Lake convention is marked by Canadian young people sporting the maple leaf insignia of their Dominion. They take their places amid such garb as Indian headdresses from Tulsa, Okla., and Confederate flags and civil war grey army hats—usually carried or worn by the Atlanta, Ga., contingent, but sometimes by all the teams from below the Mason-Dixon line.

Last year Yakima, Wash., represented its section, and they came from that apple capital with big, red apples as background for their team numbers. The Sunshine state of Florida was advertised by a team which wore Old Sol as their insignia.

For the quiz teams and their youthful adult leaders, the cheering throngs are of decidedly secondary importance. They got in this thing to study their Bibles, not just to win a contest.

Study methods vary from team to team, but usually the percentage runs as high as 85 or 90 per cent of the Winons Lake finalists who have all the material memorized. Last year's books were Mark and Romans—not particularly easy books to memorize. The year before that it was John and Hebrews. The previous year seven New Testament epistles were used.

Winning teams usually have sets of from a few hundred to a few thousand questions which they work on, along with reading their Bibles.

The reason for this is simple: Each quiz is a series of twenty questions, worth twenty points apiece, with a bonus to the quizzer who gets five without being charged with a ten point error for a wrong answer. Every one of the thousands of questions sends the quizzer to the Word for the answer.

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# Biggest Bible Quiz!

The tension starts building from the first quiz on Monday morning. One of the most difficult features of the quiz may be changed this year if YFC officials approve a new electronic judging device which picks the first quizzer on his feet. In past years, three judges have had to sit out in the center of the tabernacle on a platform next to Hamilton's quizmaster microphone and try to decide which quizzer should get the chance to answer the question.

Some of the questions the high schoolers have to finish take more time than the answer. They are only allowed a total of thirty seconds for their answers, some of which need several verses to answer adequately. In fact, a quizzer has to start talking almost as soon as the mike-man gets to him with the microphone, or his five seconds to start his answer will be gone and he'll get an error.

Last year, the captain of the winning team started her answer, realized she wasn't on the right track, stopped, waited what seemed like hours. Then, just before time ran out she raced through the answer, finishing just as the buzzer sounded to signal that her time was up.

The last two years the winning team came from West Suburban Youth for Christ just outside of Chicago. Four members of the championship team are still in school, and intent on coming back to try for an unprecedented third straight victory.

Best method for quieting jangled quizzers' nerves is a quick prayer meeting with their coach. Many of the time out periods are called just so a team can get with their coach for a time of prayer.

Jumping habits vary as much as study methods. Some of the fellows and girls snap to attention like career soldiers, while others throw themselves into the air with reckless abandon. Every now and then a quizzer is saved from a fall onto the tanbark floor of the tabernacle by an alert teammate who sees his frantic leap to be first up.

While Hamilton and his Youth for Christ buddies enjoy the excitement their teen-age charges generate, they are more interested in dealing with the young fellow who realized that he wasn't saved following a quiz period.

Added thrills come to them as a parent or pastor calls to say how different their young people are since they started hiding God's Word in their hearts . . . or through a letter from a YFC overseas specialist who sees the quiz having the same effect in the lives of teen-agers

in Brazil, Venezuela, Germany, India, the Caribbean and Japan.

As the Youth for Christ high school program continues to spread, Hamilton visualizes a multi-lingual play-off with a world-wide winner chosen.

No matter what the language or geographical location, Hamilton and Youth for Christ only want one thing—more young people learning more of God's Word.

Teen-age cheering sections go wild when their team comes through with the correct answer.



June, 1957

## **NEW LOOK at the OLD BOOK**

#### Words and the WORD

By WALLY HOWARD

ET's talk this month about words. We're trying to learn how we can

better study the Bible, and the Bible is composed of thousands of words, arranged so that they will convey thoughts. In order to understand the thoughts that the writers were trying to convey we must first understand what words are and how they are used.

In school, when you come across a word you don't recognize, you are taught to go to the dictionary and look up its meaning. This is what dictionaries are for, of course. But there are some booby traps and unless you're aware of them you're liable to fall into error.

For instance, you're likely to think that a word has a necessary inherent meaning, absolutely fixed and settled in heaven. But this is an idle dream because words don't have meanings that precise. To see this, all we have to do is study the dictionary more than casually. The first thing we will discover is that most words have more than one meaning. They're generally listed 1., 2., 3.. and so on. If we turn to a large (several volumes) dictionary we'll discover why.

Here we'll find quotations from literature instead of or in addition to definitions. A dictionary, it turns out, is just a history book. It doesn't legislate as to a word's meaning. It simply records the different ways in which a particular word has been used in the literature of that

Noah Webster was not a judge who handed down immutable decisions about how words shall be used. He was an historian who compiled the uses of those words as he discovered them in wading through the great volume of English literature that had been written.

Words change their meaning as culture changes. Some good examples of this can be found in the Bible. In 1611. when the King James translation was made, conversation meant one's whole manner of life, and that's the way it was used in Hebrews 13:5. Today it refers only to one's speech. Then, to let meant to hinder, as II Thessalonians 2:7 meant to imply.. Prevent meant to go ahead of.

as in I Thessalonians 4:15. Today we say precede.

There must be, then, revisions of the Bible from time to time to keep up with the changes of meaning within a language. This partly explains the great number of "modern speech" translations that have appeared in the past forty years

There must also be translations into different languages. And the process of translating is not an easy one because backgrounds are so different in different countries. We have one word for reindeer, for instance, but the Chukchee tribe in Siberia has twenty-six different words for reindeer, depending on their skin color, and sixteen more words representing reindeer of varying ages and sexes. There are languages that have no word for "snow" because the people have never seen snow. What's more to the point, there are some languages with no word for love or peace. And somehow we must translate the Bible into these languages. It can be done, but it is not

But (and here's where this applies to us) our own Bible is a translation. It was written in Hebrew and Greek originally, centuries ago. It was not dropped from heaven, but was inspired in the minds of men who lived in specific cultures and who spoke certain languages.

This leads us to two important conclusions. First, our understanding of the Bible will depend a great deal on how much we know of the history and culture of the men who wrote it. We'll discuss this more fully next month. We simply mention it now and hurry on to the second conclusion. Which is this: words must be seen in their context to have meaning. The basic question is not, 'What does this word mean?" but. What did the writer mean by this word?" And the only way to judge is by the whole context.

So, you see, there is not necessarily any "Bible meaning" for a given word. A word in the Bible may have a Biblical meaning which is shared by all the writers: or each writer may use it in his own

way, revealing his own emphasis. And this only the context will reveal.

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In coming to understand a word in the Bible, then, there are two steps to be taken. First, look up the meaning in a Bible dictionary to find the general usage of the word. Second, come back to the passage and read enough of the surrounding context to get the writer's meaning. This will keep you from some common errors.

Want to apply some of this? Here is an exercise in word study from the Bible. Just for fun we'll choose the word word itself. If you have a concordance you'll see that there are 16 different phrases that have a more or less common reference; the word, the word of God, the word of the Lord, the word of truth, and so on. We'll look up a few passages and try to determine the meaning of "the word."

First, look up word in a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia for the general meaning or meanings. If yours doesn't list it, a Cruden's concordance will help. Don't hesitate to make use of your church library.

Second, study these typical passages. See if you can discover what the writer

I Peter 1:22-25. Is word used there synonymously with other words? Do they have a common meaning to Peter? What

II Timothy. Try the same experiment with this entire letter from the hand of Paul. Note especially 1:11, 14; 2:8, 9, 19; 3:1, 16; 4:2, 4, being careful to observe What does Paul synonyms. mean by "preach the word" in 4:2? Does he mean "preach the Bible" or "preach the gospel"? Or is there any difference?

John 1:1-14. What does John refer to as "the Word"? How does this relate to the way he uses the word in 5:38-40; 14:6; and 17:17?

In conclusion, how many different meanings of the word have you discovered? How do they relate to each other? What do they teach you about the Bible, its contents, its purpose, and its author-

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## FUN FORUM

By VIRGINIA NEWITT

Like pizza? spaghetti? with an antipasto...and spumoni for dessert?

Then get on board with the rest of the gang for a gastronomic...

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If you have never attended a progressive dinner, or are a little hazy about how one is conducted, we hasten to explain: the dinner is divided into courses and each one is eaten at a different home. We "progress" from place to place. Each course is prepared by a different group.

The simplest division is three courses: appetizer, main dish, dessert. Another course, salad, may follow the appetizer. We will give you a three course dinner which you can modify to suit your crowd's taste.

Unless your group is very large, four fellows should be able to handle a course, both preparation and serving. Persuade Mcm to let you practice on the family. That way you will work out any difficulties, you will have advice from an expert, and ou will be bursting with self-confidence the night of the party.

Since Italian food seems to be all the rage now let's make this party "A Visit to Sunny Italy." Almost everyone loves spaghetti or pizza. You can choose either for your dinner.

Our first course is "antipasto" which is simply the Italian first course of assorted relishes, smoked meat or fish, etc., served with a cool beverage. Get two or more very large serving plates or trays. Here is what you will have to buy: Fresh radishes, carrots, celery and parsley, small thinly-sliced hard salami and ham or luncheon meat, processed yellow cheese, cream cheese and nuts, pickle and olives, large cans or bottles of tomato and grape juice, colored toothpicks, small paper plates, cups and napkins.

In the morning on the day of the party you will clean vegetables, put in plastic bags and refrigerate.

In a bowl mix the cream cheese with a few tablespoons of milk until soft. Add enough coarsely broken nutmeats to make it good (go ahead, taste it). Put a teaspoon of this mix in the center of a slice of salami or ham, roll up, and secure with a toothpick. Roll up stuffed olives or yellow cheese in the same way. Cover and refrigerate. Put everything including juices in the refrigerator.

About an hour and a half before the party, arrange all these delicious tidbits on the trays, keeping in mind the pleasing distribution of colors and the fact that a generously heaped tray is most inviting. Make cubes of the yellow cheese speared with toothpicks. Decorate the trays with parsley. Put juices in large pitchers.

Serve buffet style (this means come and get it, stand up to eat it) from a table you have decorated with some Italian touches. Perhaps Italian flags, little maps of the "boot," the famous leaning tower of Pisa, flowers, fruits, various kinds of green leaves, candles.

After a leisurely, chatty time, everyone will be ready to depart for the next course. Don't leave a mess for Mom!





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You prefer spaghetti? Here's how, then. Buy cans of spaghetti sauce. You can figure how much you will need. The day before the party put the sauce in a large heavy pan over low heat. Add about two cups of tomato juice and 1/2 teaspoon of poultry seasoning. Then for each can of sauce used add 2 tablespoons brown sugar, a light dash of garlic salt and grated Parmesan cheese to taste. In a heavy frying pan melt a little butter. Brown at least one pound of ground beef (depending on how much sauce you have) chopping with a fork so it will be loose. Salt and pepper to taste, add to sauce and stir. Cook over low heat about fifteen minutes. Taste it to see if it's okay. It will taste even better the next day. When cool, cover in a bowl and refrigerate.

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On the party night heat the sauce slowly, stirring often. Prepare long thin Italian spaghetti according to the directions on the package where you will also find out how many servings to expect from a package. You will need at least two large pots for this. Arrange the spaghetti on a large platter, pour a big mound of sauce in the center, have a bowl of extra Parmesan cheese on the side—and you're in business!

How to serve? It can be buffet if there are enough places for everyone to sit down after they are served; game tables and TV trays all set up and waiting. Dinner plates, spoons, and forks, glasses (pitchers for the beverage) and paper napkins will be needed. Here too we count on you fellows to make everything look good. The Italian flavor should not be in the food alone.

Whisk all those plates out to the kitchen, scrape, rinse and stack. Mom won't mind your leaving them until later if everything is cleaned up and put away.

We simply must have spumoni for dessert—it is strictly Italian. This you must buy and you may have to do some scouting around for it. If you can't find spumoni you can serve Neapolitan ice cream with cookies. Fill the dishes in the kitchen and serve from large trays carried around to the guests. Then, when everything has been cleared away we will sing and sing! Mama mia!

Since money will be needed to purchase food, tickets must be sold in advance. If your group is very large, you may have to split up into smaller group for each course. This means you will have a duplicate team of chefs for each group. Everyone should be in the same place for dessert however so that your program can be enjoyed by all. This party lends itself nicely to some special music, a time of testimony and devotions, and, of course, singing.

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#### Medicine as a Career

WITHIN the next few years you young people will be making a decision which will determine the course of your life. Some of you will find it easy to decide on a career. Others may never feel they have found themselves. Are you considering medicine? Perhaps I can say a few words that will guide you in your decision.

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our success or failure.

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It is true that one must develop a certain measure of insensibility to emergencies in order to exercise calm judgment in a difficult situation. This is sometimes misinterpreted by the laity as "hardness" on the part of the physician. A certain impassiveness is necessary, but one must not harden "the human heart by which we live."

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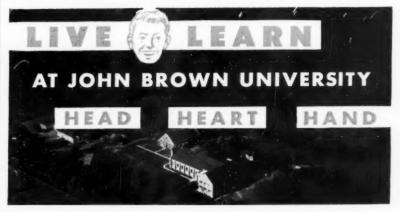
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But the bridge lay at my feet. While other more attractive avenues opened, as they would for any young person, I had no liberty to choose anything else for my life, no matter how much I may have wanted to. When I knelt alone with God, always the still, small voice whispered, "This is the way; walk in it!" But to obey required faith-faith to believe the voice was God's, believe that He would see me through the preparatory training. believe He would have a place of service for me, and trust that He would keep and use me.

I could look to no one but my heavenly Father for guidance. I had His directions and promises; now I must step out on the bridge of faith. That would demand committal. Reluctantly, even rebelliously, I am ashamed to say, I took the step. And the bridge brought me over into the place of blessing, where He could work on me through His servants to mold my life, my thinking and my affections for His larger purposes.

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But June is not the whole of life. December comes bye and bye. North winds blow, birds fly away, flowers wither and die, and trees lift scrawny arms to the sky.

Young hearts grow old, troubles multiply, health vanishes, sorrows embitter, and one by one friends depart and we are left alone. How desolate is the wintertime of life when we are "without God and without hope in the world"!

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THE EDITORS

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